

**ST MARY CHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 16 APRIL 2007**

PRESENT:

**Jim Teague (Chair)
Karen Every-Clayton
Melanie O'Neill
Geoff Simpson
Julie Howell
Malcolm Waskett
Sarah Wallace**

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Steph Bonnar and James Mangles

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Prior to the election of officers Geoff Simpson suggested that it might be sensible if all the officers were replaced this year so that we could build up a group of people with experience in case, for whatever reason, someone had to relinquish their post mid-term. This was unanimously agreed and, as a result, all three posts were available for election,

Karen Every-Clayton was proposed as chairman by Melanie O'Neill, seconded by Geoff Simpson and elected unanimously. Jim Teague then relinquished the chair to Karen

3. ELECTION OF TREASURER AND SECRETARY

Julie Howell was proposed as Treasurer by Jim Teague, seconded by Malcolm Waskett and elected unanimously

Sarah Wallace was proposed as Secretary by Julie Howells, seconded by Malcolm Waskett and elected unanimously

4. A O B

(i)MO'N. Melanie reported that work had been started today (16 April) but that work had had to stop due it was thought to inadequate machinery. Melanie will ask Avian to price for seeding and preparing the pathways. It is proposed that seeding should commence as soon as possible. If there is enough funding Avian will be asked to quote for the provision of wrought iron handrails at the steps and for extending the steps on to the road. The committee is unsure as to the ownership of the grass verge, but permission had been given by David Ilesley to commence work. Mel confirmed that Avian had already been paid for levelling and providing topsoil and will be responsible for restoring the path. Jessica Golby has volunteered to water the grass seed and members of the Committee also volunteered. Water will be available from an outside tap at Ashton House.

Andy Hopkins has advised her that to qualify for the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme there has to be a third party, which could be the Spinney Committee and therefore it would not be advisable to disband that Committee. He has also offered to join the RA Committee temporarily when the grant is applied in an advisory capacity.

(ii) GS. Geoff reported that he will contact Angus Thody as the SMC website is not working. He will forward the birdwatch format to Angus before it is publicised.

(iii) MW. A resident had asked whether or not Duty Property owners who choose not to connect to the sewer can be forced to connect. Welsh Water has been contacted and a reply is awaited. Welsh Water will also be contacted with a view to addressing the residents to explain the process of connection. This will be done after the planning permission question is sorted. Residents will be canvassed for questions for Welsh Water

(iv) JT 4 crates to hold the village wine glasses have been ordered

(v) MO'N. A Grant application has been submitted for possible funding for a musical evening

(vi) Rectorial Benefit Parish Report 2006. It was agreed that a SMC churchwarden's report might be misinterpreted in respect of the phrase "...church maintenance has first call on funds raised". Geoff is to draft a letter to David Ilsley in connection with this for approval by the RA to be signed by Karen

(vii) KE-C. The following provisional dates were arranged for forthcoming village events:

11 May 07	Cheese & Wine (Jim & Linda Teague)
24 June 07	Strawberry Cream Tea (Phil & Tessa Mathews)
Sept 07	Musical Evening
October	Harvest Supper
November	Film Night/Quiz Night/Race Night
December	Carol Evening/Carols around the Tree
Feb 08	Possible function at Fontygary

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st May – Akaroa – 7.00p.m.