

KSARA meeting 6th August 2025 minutes

Attendees: VC, TB, TMcD, DP, SL, DL, MC Apols: HH Chair: TMcD, mins TB

Matters arising:

SL has sent info on Aug 10th event to Centurion House representative and will link into their WhatsApp group. a link, once detail around Alexanders are agreed ask SL to send it to them.

TB still needs to follow up Chris Fozzard and report back at next meeting.

SL will provide an update on status of parking rule changes at next meeting.

TMcD reported that account now closed, cash funds (£640.19) added to £7.00 already in the cash box. TMcD will create an excel based cash book, retain receipts, with cash box residing in VC safe to maintain security and TMcD holding the key.

Communications:

SL photo now received for TB to update website.

TB requested any committee member to send him any more recent photos anyone of previous events to replace the old photo on the landing page which is an old event (VE day?)

WhatsApp group has got off to a good start, with 30+ residents on board. Hope is that it will just grow steadily towards the ~130 residents in the area.

A brief discussion on what content we felt was appropriate to share led to the conclusion that we shouldn't use it as a mouthpiece for KSARA; i.e. the regurgitation of neighbourhood watch, CRAG or ASB stuff, but more encourage postings from individual residents that might bind the community; announcement of celebrations, requests for advice and help, things you want to get rid of that might be useful for others.

Summer event:

Leaflets all delivered and communicated via WhatsApp and Facebook.

TB, TMcD and DL will be on parade at 13.45 outside main door to welcome new residents. TB to create a sign welcoming new residents (particularly for Centurion House residents to identify us for their free drink!). TMcD to provide the free drink vouchers.

CRAG:

General disappointment: not really delivering versus a +ve for our local ward councillors. Not much enthusiasm for attending CRAG meetings. SL and DP will attend the next one (if only to get on the same page as the rest of us!).

We agreed to continue to fund the £25 for CRAG for another year then review.

Future Events planning:

Currently pencilled in is the carol concert/review of 2025/history event in December. A brief discussion about another Quiz night, but not much enthusiasm. One idea was to use the WhatsApp group (once it gets a decent sized membership) to canvas residents on ideas. Discussion at the September meeting.

Planning and Licensing:

Licensing – nothing affecting our area to report, but TMcD to get some dialogue going with the Red Lion manager (recently changed) as recent glass debris outside needs addressing.

Kirkton House - Nothing new to report apart from some exploratory digging of the land has been recently completed by the (as yet unknown) successful bidder.

AOB:

Drain outside #5 King Street still blocked and needs reporting by all to get it unblocked.

Racecourse requesting longer leases on “temporary” structures. TMcD worried it might be a move to a more permanent land grab. TMcD to send info link to us via KSARA WhatsApp group.

Next meeting: 9th September

TB Aug 7th 2025