



Powderhall Village Owners Association

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**Minutes of Committee ZOOM meeting held on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020.**



**Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, this meeting was convened using Zoom**

**Present:** Gordon Chrumka, Elaine Ennis-Blunt, Jane Garrett, Frans Kooy, Roddy Martine (Chair), John Riley, Richard Ross, Karen Shewan, Sabine Goldhausen, Sanne Weenink.

**In attendance:** Sarah Wilson of Charles White Ltd.

**Apologies:** Emma Hignant, Ramon Inglada, Stuart McAllister, Kevin Patch

**1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**THE minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August were approved.**

**2. Review of Actions from Sarah Wilson, Charles White Factors.**

**Issues were addressed by Sarah as below:**

***DURING the pandemic, all essential jobs have been carried out in Powderhall. Residents are asked not to make requests for maintenance repairs via Facebook but to contact Charles White Ltd direct in the usual manner and NOT via Facebook or Private Messenger.***

**Inspections have carried on as normal.**

**1/ GARDENING:**

**FOLLOWING a meeting with Frans, Sabine, Sanne and Brian Hunter, the Garden Committee asked Brian to submit formal estimates for the improvement of individual beds with low maintenance plants over a three year period.**

**Hunters have accordingly submitted quotations for work and it was decided that a notice be placed on Facebook to gauge opinion from Powderhall residents on the work required.**

**Frans to Action 09/12/2020**

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With regard to the boundary planting between Powderhall Brae and the Canonmills Garden development, Frans and Roddy had a meeting with Iain Eckersall from Artisan with a view to receiving advice from Artisan's landscape designer on the building up of the slope and planting. Iain is come back to Frans on the subject.

## **2/ LIGHTING.**

SARAH has received quotations for LED upgrades. Although costly to install, this will bring about significant energy savings. The Committee instructed Sarah to proceed with CRB. A Mandate is to be circulated to all Powderhall Owners.

**Sarah to Action 09/12/2020**

AN Owner has expressed concerns that the Emergency Lighting is “only checked every six months and that any lights not charging for an hour discharge are repaired and replaced as necessary.” The Emergency Lighting is currently checked on a 3 hour discharge every six months when the Property Inspector is on site.

Charles White Ltd will obtain a quote for one 3-hour discharge and monthly flick test thereafter.

**Sarah to Action 09/12/2020**

## **3/ FACEBOOK:**

THERE is a lot of community information shared on this site. Please note there is a process in place for potential members to be approved. There have been a lot of requests for membership from outside the development. Only those registered as living within Powderhall Village are admitted.

## **4/ BIN STORES.**

IT has also been generally noted that householders have been consistently failing to break up large cardboard boxes and containers for the Re-Cycling bins. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LARGE ITEMS IN THE BIN STORES. It is extremely inconsiderate as it means they will not be taken away by the collectors and in the case of cardboard boxes, they will have to be either broken up by a kind hearted resident or by the Cleaners.

## **5/ POWDERHALL VILLAGE OWNERS LTD (PVOL)**

GORDON (PVOL Secretary) is waiting on a response regarding Insurance.

**Gordon to Action: 09/12/20**

## **6/ DOGS:**

RICHARD (as per previous Minutes) has expressed concerns about the increase in dog fouling in the children's play area between The Rigg and The Brae. He suggested planting a hedge or railings around the grassy area to keep children safe. Other suggestions from residents would be most welcome.

In the meantime, Richard has approached three contractors for quotations. This would involve some significant expenditure. Aside from requiring Planning Permission, it would first need to be put before an AGM for approval.

## **7/ REVIEW OF PARKING SPACES**

All Parking Spaces on Brae and Road are being re-tarmacked in keeping with what is already there. Relocation of Disabled Spaces and the marking of ramps to Bin Stores is being undertaken as agreed.

**Sarah to Action 09/12/2020**

## **8/ SIGNPOSTING:**

P for Parking will introduce PRIVATE PARKING signage at the three road entrances to Powderhall when they are fully back to work again.

**Sarah to Action 09/12/2020**

**9/ PVOA - AGM:**

**IT is still not legal for us to call a PVOA Annual General Meeting and the current PVOA Committee will carry on until such time as an AGM is possible. However, any Owners within Powderhall Village who wish to join the Committee are welcome to do so and should approach the Chairman/Secretary accordingly.**

**10/ AOB:**

**(i) BICYCLES: There has been an increase in bike thefts throughout the Brae and Rigg. Residents are advised that bikes should not be left in communal hallways albeit it is understood that there is often not enough room in the Bike Stores and there are no bike stores at 3-6 The Rigg. The introduction of free-standing units has been suggested by residents. The matter will be fully discussed at the next PVOA meeting in November.**

**(ii) STREET LIGHTING: Two street lights beside the Underground Car Park need to be fixed.**

**Sarah to Action 09/12/2020**

**(iii) A trailer appears to have been abandoned at the Dunedin Street end of Powderhall Road next to the Town Houses. Sarah is in touch with Edinburgh Council in this regard.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER from 7pm - 8pm via ZOOM.**