



**Powderhall Village Owners Association**  
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***Facebook Page: Powderhall Village Residents***

**PVOA Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

Present: Gordon Chrumka, Roddy Martine ( Chair), Kevin Patch, John Riley, Richard Ross, Kathryn Tomlinson,

In attendance: Sarah Wilson of Charles White

**1/ Apologies:** Joanna Bytheway, Jane Garrett, Ramon Inglada, Frans Kooy, Stuart McAllister, Dr Andrew Nisbet, Karen Shewan (Treasurer), Mel Shewan.

**2/ Approval of Previous Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved.

**3/ Parking Congestion on Powderhall Road.**

There is progress relating to the irresponsible parking of AMA contractors on the stretch of Powderhall Road immediately outwith the boundary of Powderhall Village to the corner with Logie Green Road.

Councillor Donaldson has been in touch to say that Darren Ryan, Local Transport and Environment Manager, has reported to her that there were no objections to the TRO on Powderhall Road and that it will be introduced in the coming weeks. Thereafter the faded double yellow lines will be refreshed and reinstated (dependant upon weather) and more importantly, enforced. Hopefully by the end of September.

**4/ Artisan Canonmills Garden Development ( B&Q site)**

A firm date for work to begin on the Artisan Canonmills Garden development on the B&Q site has not as yet been scheduled owing to contracts under negotiation. So far as we know, completion of the development is still scheduled for 2019.

## **5/ Transfer of Powderhall parking spaces and common land to Powderhall Owners Ltd.**

The Powderhall Village Conveyancing document is with Taylor Wimpey awaiting signature. MBM Commercial is still awaiting final notification from Taylor Wimpey's legal representatives Shepherd & Webberburn .

## **6/ Disabled Parking.**

Sarah distributed the Powderhall site plan with regard to the possible relocation of the five existing disabled parking bays within the village. Some of them are never used while there have been requests for disabled facilities from other locations within the village. Gordon volunteered to review the situation on the plan for discussion and possible enforcement following the next PVOA meeting.

**Action Gordon 09/11/17**

## **7/ Vandalism**

No reports of vandalism have been received since the last meeting. However, vigilance across Powderhall Village is advised at all times.

PC Colin Spence from Leith Walk has been designated Community Police Officer and is available to discuss concerns between 10.30am and 12.30am on the last Friday of every month at Costa Coffee in Tesco's,

**Otherwise call 101.**

## **8/ Waste Collection**

Rubbish coming down the chute at 6 The Brae has been missing the bin and landing on floor. The problem seems to be caused by the lower part of the chute directing rubbish to one side rather than straight down to the bin. A "skirt" system is being trialled at 6 The Brae.

**Sarah to report 09/11/17**

Residents are reminded that they need to be vigilant about debris and the disposal of waste. **Residents are asked to make sure that cardboard boxes are broken up before being inserted into the Packaging Bin - Under no circumstances should they be left on the floor as they will not be uplifted by the Council.**

## **9/ Sky Dishes**

Sky has announced that that reception to their channels will be available through Broadband from 2018.

## **10/ Commemorative tree for Dougie Brown**

A small plaque is to be placed beside the newly planted tree.

**Sarah/ Karen Jenkins to action: 09/11/17**

## **11/ Powderhall Residents Facebook**

There are currently 246 Facebook members.

**Facebook members are asked NOT to private message Sarah Wilson or Karen Jenkins directly through Facebook.**

## **12/ AOB**

a) At the owners' request following an attempted break-in, prickly bushes have been planted to cover the gap from St Mark's Park. This piece of land is owned by Edinburgh Council which has agreed that the planting can be undertaken by Powderhall's gardeners.

### **b) Dog fouling**

The management of dog fouling is an ongoing challenge to Powderhall residents. While pets are always welcome, it is important to remember the health implications of defecation in public places, especially for those with young children.

There was concern that an owner and dog were seen in the Childrens' Playground where there is a sign clearly stating that Dogs are not Allowed. Owners are again requested to clean up after their dogs and, where possible, asked to remind members of the public passing through the village that they should not allow dogs to foul in Powderhall grounds.

### **(c) Unsupervised children on Powderhall Road**

Concern was expressed at a group of unsupervised small children who in the afternoons are frequently seen running along the pavements and across Powderhall Road, and in-and-around Powderhall Rigg.

Not that anyone would wish to prevent children enjoying themselves in the village but it would be preferable for there always to be a responsible adult nearby to keep an eye on them. There is a clear danger of a traffic accident as two or three of the little ones are below the eye level of drivers on Powderhall Road.

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**PLEASE NOTE that Sarah Wilson will be absent from the Charles White Office for 8-12 weeks from September due to medical leave. Those wishing to make contact with the Factor should make use of the Charles White contact details as instructed. The main office can be contacted at 0131-447 8191 during office hours and where a member of staff will be available to assist**

**Emergencies.**

Residents are reminded as to how to deal with Powderhall emergencies. Sarah or Karen Jenkins will not always be available at weekends to answer Facebook reports/ enquiries.

**In the event of an emergency such as fire, flood, electrical or lift fault, Charles White Ltd has a 24/7 emergency service in place and can be contacted on 0131 447 8191.**

**Next PVOA Meeting:**

**This will take place at Gordon's flat 8/1 Powderhall Rigg at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**