

Minutes of SOS meeting held on 5 December 2006
at 7 Park Parade

Present: Peter Constable, John Lawton, Tory Zeitlyn

1. Apologies for absence: Sue Ilsley.
Shah has resigned due to workload and family commitments.
Peter welcomed John to his first SOS meeting as a new committee member.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 7 September were approved.
3. Matters arising:
 - i) Technology Management and Website: Whilst the website is now viewable it is not operational and the data has not been input. John will follow up with Shah, and also find out contact details for Ben (the web designer). [n.b. the web domain is owned by SOS.] Tory will follow up with Penelope Hird at the Council with the list of local groups and residents' associations.
 - ii) AGM and outstanding action: 4(i) Tory to draft a letter to the Arborial Department for review by Peter and John. It was noted that attendees at the AGM had felt strongly about the issue.
Paragraph 10: Tory to email Julie Smith re Newnham Croft Residents' Association and contact details.
4. Newsletter : which was sent out with the minutes of the AGM in November 2006.. In discussion about how to use SOS members and contacts to widen SOS's communication with local green spaces John agreed to let BRUNK (Brunswick and North Kite Residents' Association) know about SOS. Friends of Midsummer Common has been reformed and are having an open meeting at Wesley Church on Wednesday 24 January at 7.30pm. Tory agreed to look at SOS's mailing list and write to individuals to see if they would act as the SOS representative for their local green space.
5. Treasurer's Report: Sue had reported at the AGM that there was a balance of £519.08. Tory had a couple of small receipts for photocopying etc.
6. A.O.B.
 - i) Review of Moorings Policy held on 30 November. Peter had attended and reported a good turnout. The City Council is to respond with recommended policy changes in Jan 2007. Points arising included the fact that the river bank path does not belong to boaters and should therefore be kept clear and that it should be easy to run electricity and water stand pipes to the individual moorings. A second pumping station was recommended and it was suggested it replace the existing one which could prove a nuisance if cafe developments etc take place at the swimming pool.
 - ii) Tory had attended the Residents' Association Meeting on 4 October, organised by Brooklands Avenue Area Residents' Association (BAARA) and Bentley Road and Newton Road Residents' Association (BENERA) and open to all R.A.s. She had informed those present of SOS's intention to set up an umbrella website.
7. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19 April 8pm at 7 Park Parade