

# Regency Park



## RPRA Minutes

**Monday 8 September 2025 at 6.45pm at Viewpark Parish Church**

**Present:** Louise McAllister (Chair), Jim Burns (Factor Manager), Aileen Knudsen (Secretary), Malcolm Carmichael, Brian and Elaine McAree, Les Watson, Ashley Jamieson and Alistair McMillan.

1. **Welcome** – Louise McAllister, as Chair, welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. **Apologies** – Apologies were received from Peter Knudsen, Gary McAllister, Mary Beaton, Susan Gibson (Treasurer) and Martin McCabe.
3. **Approval of the minutes of previous committee meeting 10.3.25** – Previously emailed to all residents who provided email addresses and also uploaded to the RPRA website and facebook. Minutes were proposed by Jim Burns and seconded by Malcolm Carmichael as an accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Factor Manager's Report** – Jim Burns  
Firstly, it has been a very busy Summer period in terms of factoring issues. Below are some of the areas that have been addressed
  - Summer maintenance programme ongoing by Tony and his team, including grass cutting, bin emptying, shrub maintenance and weedkilling. Overall, our estate is looking in pretty good shape, particularly when you compare it to other estates.
  - Shrubs looking neat and tidy throughout. For information purposes, Tony cuts the grass one week and maintains the shrubs on alternate week. A number of weeks ago, a mixture of rain and hot weather resulted in accelerated growth of shrubs, Tony was abroad on holiday for two weeks, which meant they were higher and bigger than normal. Shrubs are only meant to be trimmed a few times yearly, however, Tony is maintaining them on a more regular basis.
  - As agreed by the committee, Jim purchased Gallup XL weedkiller at a cost of £43.00 and sprayed all kerbsides and the edges of gardens where there is a pavement. Jim also included Armstrong Crescent in the programme as it is the start of and links up with our estate. Jim has also been spot treating areas that weeds have popped up again. The RPRA have enough weedkiller to last at least next year
  - Brian Clarke of Parklane advised Jim that the original Parklane organisation that sold the land to McLean Homes were no longer in existence, due to the death of the owner. In view of this Brian has paid us £500.00 in full and final settlement, towards the maintenance cost of the strip of land at Aitkenhead Road. This was a goodwill gesture, and Jim thanked Brian for his contributions over the years. The Committee have given approval for the RPRA to cover the maintenance cost in the future.
  - The Burns Park was topped up with three large bags of bark and the Chestnut Park with two. Jim experienced a lot of problems with the supplier this year so may need to look at other suppliers for next year. The Association will need to spend in excess of £1,000.00 on bark next year to comply with regulations.

- After several attempts to arrange the play park annual inspections, these finally took place on 21 June 2025. There are a few low risk areas to be attended to and there was an issue with graffiti on two panel of the climbing tower in the Burns park, which Jim has since removed. Jim has also painted the park benches to freshen up and protect the wood. A number of the minor repairs have been carried out, free of charge by Drew of 22 Cowan Wynd. The RPRA thank Drew for his work and for his continued support and help to Jim. There is some welding required and this will require the park to be closed for an hour or so next weekend. Residents will be notified of time etc asap. Thanks again to Drew for his help with this.
- There were around ten copes on the wall vandalised, ie removed near to the Chestnut Park. Jim contacted a contractor to fix this issue, however, before he could attend, an unknown good Samaritan fixed the copes. Thanks from the Committee and residents to whoever did this good deed, it is very much appreciated.
- Jim contacted Hamilton Brothers with regards to hiring them for street cleaning. The cost was in the region of £500.00, which is excessive. Jim subsequently contacted NLC Street cleaning and they had the streets not cul-de-sacs by Wm Hamilton at no cost to ourselves. Good result following Jim's efforts which are much appreciated.
- With regards the perimeter fence. As previously stated the cost of refurbishing the existing fence would be around £17K and the cost of a new fence would be circa £20K. This excludes dismantling and removal costs of the existing fence. Jim spoke to Drew from Cowan Wind re removal and he is also trying to source a more competitive price for a replacement fence. Jim also contacted a local painter for a price to rub down and paint both playparks and the perimeter fence. The estimates have come back as follows: Both playparks £2,000 each and the perimeter fence £7,000.00 Jim will try other painters, however, it is recognised that this is only a temporary treatment for the fence and it is recognised that the investment in a new fence should be considered as a priority. Another painter failed to appear twice so it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure reliable trades people. Jim is meeting with a representative of a fabrication company on Tuesday regarding the fence who contacted Jim via a request from Drew.
- NLC were called out to the lane at Leesland re sighting of rats. They have removed the litter bin. It was noted that perhaps the bin should have been moved to the Scotmid site. They also pointed out to a resident that the shrubs, Rosa Rogusa, at the start of the lane on the right-hand side of the lane nearest Scotmid bear berries, which rats eat. Jim trimmed back all of the berries to help the situation. Following some discussion it was agreed a quote to remove all shrubs and lay stones in the lane area may be the best way forward.
- A resident approached Jim with regards to a request to purchase land from the Association members, to allow the house owner to be able to walk round the whole of their property. Jim explained that this is a complex matter but that they should put their request in writing to the RPRA for consideration.
- Jim was asked if he could contact Taylor Wimpey to cut back the dangerous low overhanging branches at the start of the lane at Armstrong Crescent to Vallantine Crescent. Jim has written to his contact at Taylor Wimpey, Sarah Bell, who has replied saying she will get her operations division to pass this on the grounds maintenance contractors. Although this area is outwith the RPRA area it is a safety issue for any of our community walking in that area.
- Following a request from a resident in Haddow Grove, Jim has written to NLC Roads and Lighting Department re subsidence on the road at 6 Haddow Grove as well as a number of damaged mono block. Jim wrote regarding this over two years ago and the Council said the levels of subsidence and damage was within their current tolerance levels. We await their response.

Louise thanked Jim for his report.

## 5. **Treasurer's Report** – Susan Gibson

### **Current Finances (31 August 2025)**

Bank Balance: £28759.75 (Floats: £4,890.00) Remaining balance of Fees: £23,869.75  
Total current Arrears £553.10 (Previous arrears - Mar 2025 £902.80; Oct 2024 £794.15;  
Jul 2024 £1,356.25; Jan 2024 £1,876.45; Aug 2023 £2,947.30; Jan 2023 £7,029.00 😊)

### **Outgoings**

A new monthly Service Charge of £4.25 is required to be paid to the bank.

**April:** £300.00 Gardener; **May:** £340.00 Gardener; **June:** £10.00 Bark Tip for driver; £550.00 Mitchell Turf, £340.00 Gardener, £196.00 Overpayment of Fees; **July:** £340.00 Gardener, £41.95 Weedkiller; **August:** £432.00 Active Playground, £340.00 Gardener.

**Residents in Arrears** - 5 residents in arrears.

**Residents in Credit** - Emailed those in credit - only 4 residents.

Louise thanked Susan for her work on the RPRA finances and particularly the work in reducing the arrears.

## 6. **Neighbourhood Watch Team (NWT) Update** – Aileen Knudsen

- **Constitution and Welcome Pack** – Available for any new residents. Please advise your Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinator if you are moving house or aware of any new residents moving in.
- **Social Event** – Re-scheduled to Friday 7 November due to insufficient interest in the August date. Residents are asked to reply by the end of this week by email to [aileenknudsen@hotmail.com](mailto:aileenknudsen@hotmail.com). Information is also provided on the RPRA Facebook.

Louise thanked Aileen for her report.

## 7. **Chairperson's Report** – Louise McAllister

- **Committee** – Louise once again thanked the Committee for their continued hard work.
- **Facebook** – Louise continues to monitor and maintain Facebook and encourages all residents to request membership if they are on Facebook. **RPRA Facebook:** Regency Park Residents Association.
- **Website** – Louise continued to monitor and update with Agendas and Minutes being shared promptly. The website renewal fee has been paid. The updated Constitution and Welcome Pack (which is a one stop shop on info on the RPRA) will also be uploaded to the website. Feedback of the website is welcomed. Any recommended trades people can be listed on the **RPRA Website at:** [Regency Park Residents Association \(godaddysites.com\)](http://Regency Park Residents Association (godaddysites.com))

## 8. **AOCB**

- Pathway at Chestnut Play park – A quote for an additional short 3' path alongside the railings of the park between the Barrwood/Leesland path is currently being requested. Once received this will be brought to the Committee's attention to consider the next steps.
- Path from Leesland to Scotmid – As residents will know the Leesland land has been maintained by the RPRA since its existence. The ownership of the lane was discussed and it was confirmed that the deeds advise it does belong to the RPRA.

9. **Date of Next Meeting** – The next full RPRA meeting will be held on Monday 26 January and the Committee meeting will be held Monday 19 January 2026 at 7.30pm in Viewpark Parish Church, if available. Thereafter the next meetings will be held May/June and September each year.

### **Methods of contacting the RPRA:**

**RPRA Facebook:** Regency Park Residents Association

**RPRA Website:** [Regency Park Residents Association \(godaddysites.com\)](http://Regency Park Residents Association (godaddysites.com))

**Email:** [aileenknudsen@hotmail.com](mailto:aileenknudsen@hotmail.com) (as Secretary) OR [rpra@live.co.uk](mailto:rpra@live.co.uk)

**Face to Face:** Any of the committee members directly

