

Springhill Residents Group Meeting

14 September 2026

19:30hrs

Present:

Paul Irwin	Chair
Neil McCrorie	Secretary
Sue Dyson	Committee

Apologies:

Rob Elsey	Treasurer
Ross Davis	Committee

1. Minutes of last meeting

These were agreed as accurate by the committee

2. Actions from minutes

New lights for Christmas tree	Carried over
Attend new prisons meeting	Completed
Get 20mph signs from prison	Completed
Ask Governor about Springhill entrance	Completed
Speak to church wardens about carols on the green	Completed
Look at interest in Christmas market	Completed
Look at feasibility for Ibiza party	Carried Over
Speak to Carol Scanlon ref property in her garage	Carried over
Look for second hand portacabins	Completed
Look for second hand tables and benches	Completed

3. Finance

Non information available at the meeting

4. PC / Prison Feedback

Neil and Rob had a very productive meeting with the new Governor and other management at the prison. We asked for several areas that belong to the prison to be tidied up (e.g. The main gate to be painted, green areas to be strimmed) to make the place more presentable. The Governor agreed that they would make more effort in maintenance.

As a follow up to that meeting, Neil had a walk around the estate with the Head of

Springhill and two other managers to point out areas where we would like improvement. All areas we looked at belong to the prison and they have agreed to maintain them properly. This should go a long way to making the estate look better and improve safety. As well as providing us with 20mph signs to place around the estate, they are going to paint 20mph signs all around the roads. Hopefully this will reduce speeding and improve safety.

There was no feedback from the Parish Council.

Neil attended the 'New Prisons' meeting last week. A lot of the meeting was taken up with the issues on Lawn Hill but I did get to raise some issues:

- The two public footpaths which have been closed since the work started, will be reopened with some slight deviations, when the project is complete.
- They will be employing a second traffic marshal to monitor the vehicle movement around Springhill estate and to check on speeding
- Phil Houghton (Principal Project Sponsor) will be having a meeting with the Governor this week and he will take our concerns about drop offs to him
- The stakeholders are discussing the issue of presenting us with the green areas on another group. This looks really positive.

5. Residents requests / suggestions

There were no requests or suggestions from residents

6. Events

We are still waiting on confirmation from the church regarding Carols on the Green

We are planning a trip down to Bath Christmas Fayre on December 4. Transport will be available but places are limited, so if you would like to reserve a place, send an email to secretary.springhillcommittee@btinternet.com and you will be placed on the list. Further details will follow.

Action: Neil to plan

7. A.O.B

The flag pole will be placed back up on the middle green and will be concreted in as a permanent fixture.

Action: Neil and Rob to deal

The doors on the book shed are beyond repair so Neil will make a new set.

Action: Neil to make

A discussion was had ref the possibility of making some form of pergola on the middle green with benches under it.

Action: Neil to design and cost

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 20:45hrs

The next meeting will be on Monday 12 October

Actions	Nominated Person
Buy lights for Christmas Tree	Rob Elsey
Look at feasibility for Ibiza party	Rob Elsey
Speak to Carol Scanlon ref property in her garage	Rob Elsey
Plan trip to Bath Christmas Fayre	Neil McCrorie
Permanently fix flagpole	Neil McCrorie Rob Elsey
Make new doors for book shed	Neil McCrorie
Design and cost pergola for middle green	Neil McCrorie
Arrange a date for Bikeability course for next year	Paul Irwin

We are still looking to welcome new members onto the residents committee. All we ask is that you give up around 1hr per month to attend a meeting and input your suggestions and ideas. We are trying our best to improve the estate for everyone but we need you help. Please consider joining us.

