

DRAFT MINUTES NSMRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 16 November 2010, in the small Hall, Northcote Road, from 7.45pm.

Present

Nick Grossman, Martyn Day, Laurence Mann, Anne Lloyd, Steve Lloyd, Paul Agapow, John Denby, Shammi Sharma, Jan Cowie, Revd Richard Frank, Anne Ottman, Judy Maciejowska, Joan McGalliard, Alan Jones, Patricia Morgan, Glen Collins, Surya Cooper, Benedict Cooper, Gerald Slowe, Gillian Licari, Jonathan Snow, Quentin Rubens, Eileen Means, Andy Nathan, Marie Toal, Roseanne Fender, Alison Parkes, Helen Potkin, Frederick Medina

Cllr Ben Khosa

Nick Grossman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Cllr Chris Harrison, Cllr Geoff Ac ton, Eugenia Venour, Hilary Thomson, Ian Thomson

Minutes of last year's AGM. These were available and noted.

Officers' Reports

Chair

Nick Grossman outlined what the Association had been doing over the last year.

- Yellow Lines. Now in place. The matter had been raised at the last AGM. The Association represented that some of the lines were too long and they were shortened.
- Conservation Area. The consultation is dragging on. The Association has facilitated the consultation rather than reaching a conclusion.
- Worked with societies that work to make the Crane tidying with the Tidal Crane Association and FORCE.
- Have been lobbying for the Octagon development gates to be opened. There is an application on Thursday dealing with this.
- Neighbourhood Watch. We have helped liaise with police in relation to this. We attend the Police Liaison meetings.
- Still members of HACAN. Less of an issue now.
- Supporting local shops.
- Ran GASS Street Sale and Beating the Bounds.
- Helped with the Big Lunch in co-ordination with the Church.
- Distributing Heron.

Still members of FORCE, HACAN and Richmond Environment Trust. We have been sending regular newsletters in email and paper form.

Treasurer

Anne Lloyd reported an outflow of funds, of £104 in the year. Cash holdings now £903.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Post	Elected person	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair	Paul Agapow	Joan McGalliard	Anne Lloyd
Vice-Chair	Gillian Licari	Laurence Mann	Nick Grossman
Secretary	Laurence Mann	Judy Maciejowska	Joan McGalliard
Treasurer	Shammi Sharma	Nick Grossman	Judy Maciejowska
Planning Officer /Environment Officer	vacancy		
Web Co-ordinator	Glen Collins	Nick Grossman	Laurence Mann
Publicity Officer	Alison Parkes	Martyn Day	Laurence Mann
Neighbourhood Watch	Nick Grossman	Laurence Mann	Anne Lloyd

Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately the police were unable to come this evening.

Eugenia has sent a list of local crimes which was read out. Mostly petty thefts and burglaries and quite a lot of cycle thefts.

No further action about monitoring traffic over the footbridge. Cllr Ben Khosa said that Hounslow councilors were not interested. Glenn mentioned that motorbikes still whizz across.

All crimes should be reported as the police take action dependent upon reports of crime.

Judy Maciejowska queried the statistics the police had supplied. A crime that had affected her family and had been reported was not in the statistics.

Action: Nick will query this.

Local Issues

Tradespeople's Register

Gerald raised the matter of the difficulty of finding local tradesmen who are reliable. Suggested some while ago that we maintain some sort of register of recommended tradesmen. What can we do about it? Can we resurrect the skills exchange? Steve said that there was an area on the St Margaret's Web site.

Martyn volunteered to keep a register. The existence of it will be publicised in the Heron.

Could use a Wiki site for this.

Richard Frank referred the meeting to streetbank.co.uk which allows for sharing skills.

Northcote Road footbridge

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Council cuts

Cllr Khosa was asked whether there was any proposed reduction in street lighting. He said he was not aware of it, nor any proposal to reduce the incidence of rubbish collection.

Yellow Lines. Judy raised the subject of enforcement of yellow lines. Steve Lloyd said that they could only be enforced during office hours. Gerard Slowe raised the length of lines. Helen Potkin and others said that safety should come first.

Yellow Lines

Most people in the meeting had read the letter sent by Mr Ken Harper. Alison Parkes expressed concern about the lack of parking generally.

The meeting agreed that they did not regard a controlled parking zone as desirable or likely to be engendered by yellow lines. They also agreed that we should seek proper enforcement.

A straw poll was taken, and there was overwhelming agreement that the lines were necessary and that there should be enforcement.

This was echoed by Frederick Medina whose access to Heron Road was recently impeded by white vans parked on the yellow lines.

Dog Fouling.

This is a perennial problem. Jan Cowie said that there is a lack of bins. Patricia Morgan said that if there was more street cleaning then perhaps there would be a barrier to people leaving dog dirt. Cllr Khosa will look it into bins.

Developments in Back Gardens

Gerard Slowe drew the meeting's attention to the recent changes in planning policy which redesignated back garden land as no longer brownfield land. Cllr Khosa confirmed this.

Front Garden Concreting

Patricia Morgan also mentioned the loss of front gardens and its impact on the environment and ambience. Judy suggested that there was a biodiversity issue. Laurence mentioned that non-porous front paving was no longer permitted development, and Quentin said that if we adopted Conservation Area status then an Article 4 direction could further restrict concreting.

The Church Wall

Richard Frank apologised for its condition. The wall was badly built at the outset and was damaged by a white van. The Church was thinking about re-landscaping it. John wondered if there was some way of making its restoration a community initiative.

Conservation Area status

Cllr Khosa was asked about the implications of Conservation Area status and he explained it. Martyn said that Conservation Area status would increase the value of properties. Cllr Khosa said it was up to residents to decide.

Richard Frank said that his response on behalf of the Church was supportive of the idea so long as it does not impede the eventual development of the Halls.

Social Events

Richard Frank said that the date of the Big Lunch has been moved to an inconvenient date that clashed with half term. Could we have it later on? This was supported generally.

Christmas. Richard and Helen will take the lead on organising a Christmas party for children on 11 December.

It was agreed to do a Carol singing session for 12 December.

Photography Competition

Not enough entries for a calendar, yet.... But has spawned some interest in further meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Forthcoming committee meetings – provisional dates

Tuesday 14 December 2010

Monday 17 January 2011