

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd November 2004  
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: Georgina Malcolm - in the Chair

Carol Boulter, Rosemary Goldstein, Rosalind Josephs, Leonie Stephen  
Denis Baron, Douglas Blausten, John Boulter, Terry Brooks, Derek Chandler  
Arnold Elliott, Colin Gregory, Richard Kemp, David Lewis, David Littaur,  
Steve Morris, David Rapson, Michael Rowley, Douglas Thomas, Richard Wakefield,

Visitors to the Meeting included Joyce Littaur, Gary Shaw, Mrs Reidy, Mrs  
Rappaport, Alex Galbinski - Hendon Times

1 Apologies for Absence

Received from Simon Abbott, Jean Barraclough, Alan Brudney, Eva Jacobs, David B  
Lewis, Siddiek Meer, Alan Walker:

2 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Temple Fortune Improvements

Ombudsman

The following should be added to the end of this item 'since they now seemed to be  
more responsive to this approach than was previously the case'.

Addison Way

The first sentence of the second paragraph should read  
'David B Lewis said that Consam are trying get London Borough of Barnet to adopt  
a highways policy for Conservation Areas'.

Graffiti

's' should be added to Joseph in line 2.

Any Other Business

60's Discotheque

"North London Hospice" should be replaced by "Gauchers Association".

3 Matters Arising

Crossing Outside Golders Hill Park

Colin Gregory said that there has been no further progress but he will report back  
after the proposed meeting has taken place

Report from Events Committee

The Trust has agreed to pay for the champagne. There is a problem with insurance:

although the Trust owns the tennis courts it is not putting on the firework display. This is being addressed.

#### Projector

The new projector has been used successfully.

#### Telephone Kiosks

Alan Walker reported that a replacement for the K6 Telephone Box has been installed at Meadway Gate, although it had arrived with a broken door. Rosalind Josephs said that it had already been vandalised with graffiti, which will be removed.

#### Graffiti

Rosalind Josephs said that she had cleared the graffiti from the telephone kiosk outside Fellowship House. While she was doing this she had heard the sound of running water in the Fellowship garden. She notified Brian Donohoe and Eileen Whelan.

#### Report on Trust AGM

Georgina Malcolm has written to Chris Kellerman to ask him if he would consider joining Council but she had not yet had a reply. Steve Morris confirmed that he is a member of the RA.

#### Crossing Outside Post Office

A new traffic island has been erected with two lanes on one side and one on the other. The Council thanked Siddiek Meer and his committee, and the Post Office.

#### Membership Report

Steve Morris reminded Council members of the Membership Party on 9<sup>th</sup> November at Fellowship House.

#### Trees in Erskine Hill

Andy Tipping, Siddiek Meer and Georgina Malcolm looked at trees being reduced in Hill Top and they were much happier with the way this work was being carried out. Michael Rowley referred Council members to a recent article in the Ham & High.

#### 4 Proposed CPZ

LB Barnet is proposing a new CPZ to include Temple Fortune and the southwest part of the Suburb. A comprehensive paper prepared by Gary Shaw and the Roads & Traffic Committee had been circulated to Council Members.

Gary Shaw said that a consultation document from LB Barnet has recently been delivered to residents who may be affected by the scheme asking for comments by 26<sup>th</sup> November. The cost of a residents permit has now been increased to £40 pa for the first car and is £70 for the second and third car. Books of visitor permits are £10 each. This is a considerable increase in the cost since the East Finchley scheme was first implemented. He said that Central Government has encouraged local authorities to set up CPZs.

Roads & Traffic consider a general expansion of Controlled Parking Zones should be opposed although there may be a case for some localised schemes where unique problems exist. The introduction of limited CPZs should be accompanied by

guarantees from LB Barnet that boundaries and restrictions will be honoured and not used as a basis for extension of the Zones.

Terry Brooks pointed out that Cllr. Offord was quoted in the Hendon Times as saying LB Barnet's "prime concern is to keep traffic flowing and cut down rat running" and also that LB Barnet needed to pay for more staff "so we can ensure Barnet is not clogged up with commuter parking". Derek Chandler thought that LB Barnet would gain £100,000 pa from the Temple Fortune scheme.

David Rapson's prime concern was the threat to the Temple Fortune shopping area. If shoppers were unable to park locally they would drive to Brent Cross. Richard Wakefield said that something needed to be done to stop the commuter parking which is now spilling over from the Golders Green CPZ into Meadway. There could be pressure to convert front gardens to off street parking which would alter the character of the Suburb. He thought that the one-hour prohibition worked. Douglas Blausten pointed out the dilemma as in the past the RA had encouraged controlled parking.

It was generally agreed that Asmunds Place and Meadway up to Hampstead Way could benefit from a CPZ.

Colin Gregory said that in the past the RA had supported controlled parking and we must ascertain what the Temple Fortune shopkeepers and the residents want.

Council endorsed the letter which Siddiek Meer had written to LB Barnet and Gary Shaw and the Roads & Traffic Committee were congratulated on the excellent and comprehensive report.

Derek Chandler said that an extract from the Report should be sent to residents who may be affected to enable them to reply to the letter from LB Barnet. Steve Morris said that he could place the Report on the Suburb Web site, where there are some 400 hits a day and perhaps a note referring residents to the web site could be distributed or posters could be displayed. Georgina Malcolm will discuss the best way to inform residents with Roads & Traffic Committee.

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## 5 RA Constitution

The Working Group produced a final draft of the proposed Constitution, which had been circulated to Council. The Group had not sought to change the Constitution but to clarify it. The main clarification is to Clause 4 which confirms that membership is by household and not by individual and adds the rights of Honorary life Members. Douglas Thomas thought that we should encourage as many resident as possible to join and take part in RA affairs. Michael Rowley explained the problems that had arisen at an AGM some five years ago when non-members had said that they were members and had voted. Colin Gregory suggested that everyone in a household that had paid should be a member of the RA but the household should only have one vote. Douglas Blausten considered that all members in a family should be able to vote, as the RA wants to encourage younger people to take an interest. Steve Morris explained that individual names of everyone in a household are not listed in the RA records. He thought that the Constitution should deal with principles and the Standing Orders should deal with the details.

Richard Wakefield pointed out a minor error in clause 4.4. The word 'Suburb' should be substituted for 'RA' in line 3. It was also agreed to delete the words 'and is in the gift of Council'.

Michael Rowley and the working party were congratulated for all the work they had done. They will consider the question of each member of a household being a

- member and having a vote and this will be brought back to Council next month. They will also consider the best way to publicise these changes and consider a leaflet with a summary of the main part of the Constitution. MR
- 6 Circulation of RA Minutes  
Council agreed that draft minutes should be circulated by e-mail to Council members except for John and Carol Boulter and Leonie Stephen. Steve Morris agreed to put the Council Minutes onto the Web site SM
- 7 AGM  
This will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the HB School Hall at 8.00pm. The School will make a charge of £60 to provide a caretaker.  
Reports from Chairmen of Standing Committees for the Annual Report should be sent to Georgina Malcolm by the end of December.
- 8 New Year's Eve Celebration  
David Littaur asked for help with manning the wine bar, picking up litter, stewarding, and holding the buckets in the Church.
- 9 Any Other Business
- Bookkeepers Fees  
Council agreed that John Boulter should make an informal approach to Fellowship to see whether they would be prepared to pay 20% of the cost of Nedret Mckinley, as a proportion of her work involves Fellowship. JB
- Battle of Trafalgar Anniversary  
David Littaur is looking into whether the RA and the Events Committee should become involved with this celebration. DL
- Suburb Gallery  
Council agreed that the sum of £750 should be available to redecorate the inside and to carpet the Gallery. The Trust has agreed to pay for the external decoration of the Gallery. JB
- Mandelson Memorial Seat  
Georgina Malcolm said that this has now been put back on Willifield Green but new paint has obscured the inscription.
- 10 Date and Venue of Next Meeting  
This will be held on Tuesday December 7th 2004 at 8.00pm at Fellowship House.