

## Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd May 2006 at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

*Present:* David B Lewis in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Carol Boulter, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Francois Crompton-Roberts, Nicole Gerber, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Eva Jacons, Rosalind Josephs, Richard Kemp, David Lewis (Vice Chairman), David Littaur, Georgina Malcolm, Selwyn Nakan, Steve Morris, Max Petersen, Gary Shaw, Llonie Stephen, Douglas Thomas, Richard Wakefield (Hon Secretary),

Visitors:, Joyce Littaur, Susan Lewis, Dr R Rappaport.

The Chairman welcomed Selwyn Nakan and Max Petersen as new members of Council to their first meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence

Simon Abbott, Denis Baron, Jean Barraclough, Peter Beesley, Douglas Blausten, Derek Chandler, Colin Gregory, Alan Walker.

2 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - 4 April

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

Approval of Expenditure on Membership Computer program alterations

Steve Morris told the Council that the Membership packs will be prepared on Saturday morning, 5 May at the Free Church Hall. He asked Council members for their assistance.

Association Representation on Other Organisations

HGS Institute

Richard Wakefield will talk to Alan Brudney about the RA's representation. Alan Brudney thought that it was most unlikely that the Institute would agree to two representatives.

RW

Proposal to Name the Path in Central Square from HB School to Willifield Way via the HB Memorial as Henrietta Barnett Way, as a Centenary project.

Georgina Malcolm told the Council that the Centenary Committee would like to proceed with the naming of this twitten. They would like to call it 'Henrietta Barnett Walk'.

A motion was proposed 'That the pathway from Henrietta Barnett School in Central Square via the HB Memorial, to Willifield Way should be named Henrietta Barnett Walk and that it should be marked by wooden signposts in the same style as the one in Willifield Way directing to The Orchard'. This motion was proposed by Richard Wakefield, seconded by

Alan Brudney and passed Nem Con.

4 Question Time

There were none.

5 Proposal to rename Queens Court as a series of numbers in Hampstead Way on completion of the refurbishment.

The Chairman told the Council that Circle 33 Anglia Housing Association would like to abolish the name Queens Court but the residents had persuaded a Barnet official to retain this name. Steve Morris added that the number of flats will be reduced from 80 to 40.

The Council agreed that they should support the residents in their request and that Queens Court is a listed building. The flats should continue to be addressed as flat numbers of Queens Court.

DBL

The Chairman will write to the Housing Association and to LB Barnet accordingly.

6 Proposal to close Golders Green Post Office and relocate to a small shop

The Chairman explained the proposal to relocate the post office to a small card shop in Golders Green Road. Carol Boulter circulated a letter she had received from Janet Rawlings of Democratic Services at LB Barnet explaining the proposal and saying how to object.

The Council was concerned as this is a very busy post office and wondered how a smaller shop would manage and whether all the services would be maintained.

Georgina Malcolm said that the Market Place post office is also closing and there is a petition at the post office for residents to sign. The Council were even more concerned at this as the post office is the only one on the Suburb and it serves many local residents. Eva Jacobs agreed to find out what is happening at Market Place and the Chairman will write to object to the closure of the Golders Green Post Office and also the Market Place one, if the rumoured closure turns out to be true.

DBL

7 Approval of Committee Terms of Reference

This will be discussed at the June Council Meeting and the Chairman will E mail this paper to Council members in advance.

DBL

8 To Fix the date of the Grand Opening of the Centenary Celebrations approved by the Executive Committee

The Chairman pointed out that exactly 99 years ago the first sod was cut for the building of the Suburb. A Motion was proposed that 2 May 2006 should be the opening of the Centenary Celebrations. This was proposed by Georgina Malcolm and seconded by Leonie Stephen and passed Nem Con.

9 Approval and additions to list of Patrons for the Centenary Celebrations approved by the Executive Commuter.

The Council agree that the reference to Gerald Ronson should read Gail Ronson and to add Vikram Seth, Claudia Roden and Lady Winston. After a debate on whether the clergy should be represented at local or national level, it was agreed to add the Bishop of London and the Chief Rabbi. The Council approved these names as well as the list agreed by the EC.

10 Treasurer's Quarterly review of the Association's Finances

John Boulter said that at the end of April the subscription income was £11,750 compared with £10,500 at the same time last year. There has been no change to the financial position over the last two months. John Boulter agreed to write to the Pavilion Children's Centre to ask for the return of the loan of £1,000.

JB

11 Any Other Urgent business

Special General Meeting

This will be held at 8.00pm on 6 June. 50 members of the RA are required to make a quorum. The Treasurer will propose the motion. Voting cards will be issued. The Executive Committee will deal with the details. It was suggested that posters are circulated for the notice boards to announce this in addition to the notice in Suburb News. Alan Brudney suggested incorporating a clause in the Motion allowing an annual increase in line with inflation but Council did not think that it would be practical to implement.

Suburb News and Yellow Directory

The Chairman congratulated Richard Wakefield and Terry Brooks on the latest edition of the Suburb News and all those involved in the latest Yellow Directory which had just been published.

Membership Cards

Richard Wakefield circulated one of the new membership cards.

Public Address System

Alan Brudney suggested that the RA purchase a small public address system and the Events Committee will discuss this.

Hustings

The Chairman was congratulated on his chairing of this Meeting.

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Suburb Gallery

Richard Wakefield invited Council members to the opening of a new Exhibition on Sunday 6 May from 11am - 4pm.

12 To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting on Tuesday 6 June 2006 at 8pm at Fellowship House

The Special General Meeting will commence at 8 pm and the Council Meeting will follow at approximately 8.30 pm.