

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4th July 2006
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis in the Chair

Simon Abbott, John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Jean Barraclough, Carol Boulter, Douglas Blausten, Derek Chandler, Terry Brooks, Francois Crompton Roberts, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Colin Gregory, Eva Jacobs, Rosalind Josephs, Richard Kemp, David Littaur, Georgina Malcolm, Selwyn Nakan, Douglas Thomas

Visitors: Susan Lewis, Joyce Littaur,

1 Apologies for Absence

Peter Beesley, Nicole Gerber, David Lewis, Steve Morris, Gary Shaw, Leonie Stephen, Richard Wakefield

2 Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected.

3 Matters Arising

Proposal to close Golders Green post Office

The Chairman reported that the post office would not be closing for the time being. According to the local press, the shop owner where the post office was to have been transferred had decided that he did not wish to have a post office on the premises, due to a threatened boycott.

Arising out of this item Eva Jacobs had spoken to a representative at the Market Place Post Office who had said that nothing further would happen before 2008. She asked about the petition which she had signed objecting to the restriction of services offered by post offices.

Pavilion Children's Centre

John Boulter had received a cheque for £1,000 from the Administrator, Marian Lowe repaying the RA's loan. She said that the pre-school group which started in 1983 is now self funding and she hoped that they could rely on the RA's support in the future.

Hogarth Hill/Creswick Walk

Carol Boulter reported that CAAC had been told by LB Barnet representatives that planning permission cannot be refused for this decking as there were no grounds for objection.

Simon Abbott was concerned that the RA will take up the position of 'no changes' and that the issue of 'community benefit' should be taken into account when looking at planning applications. The Chairman pointed out that the RA was bound by the terms of its Constitution.

Trees & Open Spaces Report

David Littaur said that gardening work had been carried out to Central Square in time for the Proms and that it had looked good during the concerts.

Kerb stones in Erskine Hill

Francois Crompton Roberts reported that no action had yet been taken by LB Barnet.

4 Question Time There were no questions.

5 Approval of a proposal to submit the view from the middle of the Heath Extension North West with Central Square in the foreground and Mill Hill and Hadley Wood in the distance for consideration for protection by the Mayor of London.

DC

This was approved by Council. Derek Chandler will write to the Mayor of London on this.

6 To ask the officers and the Executive Committee to explore the possibility of returning the Suburb Streets in the East Finchley Ward to the Suburb Ward, if necessary by moving streets not in the Suburb to another Ward

The Chairman thought that the streets which would be affected by the proposal were Howard Walk, The Leys, Neal Close and parts of Ossulton Way, Deansway and Brim Hill. Georgina Malcolm said that this would be good from the point of view of tree planting. Council agreed that this should be carried forward subject to the residents in the affected roads being consulted.

7 Centenary Celebrations

a To authorise expenditure of £10 for a specimen baseball hat and £30 for a Centenary Rubber stamp

Georgina Malcolm circulated an example of the proposed baseball hat with a Centenary Logo. Council approved this expenditure but John Boulter wondered whether it was necessary for this to come to Council to approve. In future it was hoped that the EC would be able to approve expenditure on such miscellaneous items.

b Approval of letter from the RA in support of the Trust's Lottery Application as recommended by the Centenary Committee (draft circulated on 17 June 2006)

John Boulter said that he objected to the expenditure of £1,000 but not to the letter but Georgina Malcolm explained that the Trust has offered to pay £2,000 and LB Barnet £1,000 and there is no necessity for a contribution from the RA but the letter of support was necessary. Colin Gregory said that we must show that the community is acting together and support the Trust's application. The Council approved the letter.

c Report of acceptances by patrons to date

The Chairman reported that the following had agreed to become patrons: Martin Bell OBE, Sir Rodric Braithwaite, Michael Darke, Robin and Inge Hyman, Lord Janner, Rt. Hon Peter Mandelson PC, Chris & Wendy Parry, Michael Ridpath, Claudia Rodin, Dame Gail Ronson, Sir Donald Sinden, Sir Martin Sorrell, Rudy Vis MP, Lady Wilson, Lord & Lady Winston. Lady Wilson has written a short article for souvenir programme.

Colin Gregory will try to ascertain the address of David McCallum. There are still responses awaited and the final list will be finalised in September when it can be published.

Cg

An acknowledgement had been received on behalf of the Queen for the letter of congratulations sent to her on her 80th birthday. Confirmation of whether there will be a royal visit is expected in September.

8 Any Other Business

CAAC

Peter Phillips will be retiring from CAAC after 25 years and David Baker had agree to replace him. The nomination of David Baker was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Douglas Blausten and passed Nem Con. It was suggested that a presentation be made to Peter Phillips at the next AGM.

Parking at Brent Cross

The Chairman circulated leaflets about the proposed parking charges asking residents for their opinions.

Council Members

Georgina Malcolm reported that both Richard Wakefield and Leonie Stephen are recovering at home after their operations.

- 9 The date of the next meeting on Tuesday 5 September 2006 at Fellowship House was confirmed.