

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th March 2007
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Simon Abbott, Denis Baron, Dave Brown, Alan Brudney, Jean Barraclough, Carol Boulter, Derek Chandler, Francois Crompton-Roberts, Nicole Gerber, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Eva Jacobs, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis (Vice-Chairman), David Littaur, Steve Morris, Selwyn Nakan, Max Petersen, Richard Kemp, Gary Shaw, Will Sowerbutts, Leonie Stephen, Richard Wakefield, Alan Walker

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Mark Sinden, Mr and Mrs Robert Prevezer

1 Apologies for Absence

Peter Beesley, Douglas Blausten, Terry Brooks, Derek Epstein, Georgina Malcolm, Brian Rivett.

2 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - March 6

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

Fallosen Way Bus Stop

Gary Shaw reported that the bus stops have now been re-opened. A television programme which had recently been made may have helped to speed up this. There are no lay-bys for the bus stops or road markings.

Award in Honour of Michael Rowley

Eva Jacobs told Council that Kingston University would like to limit the amount of work involved with this award. They were due to telephone her shortly but if they do not, she will contact them.

EJ

Banding of HGS Trust Management Charges

Richard Wakefield said that there had been no developments. £11,000 had been spent in defending the application from the Asmunds Place residents. The Trust had not responded to the Chairman's communication regarding possible mediation. To win his case, Angus Walker must show that the management charge is unreasonable and this is difficult to prove. Richard Wakefield said that there are only 750 members of the Trust Company out of a possible 1250. Two Trust Council members are due for re-election at the next Trust AGM. Alan Brudney thought that it was a shame that this issue divides the RA and the Trust.

Mayor of Barnet

Richard Wakefield had declined to stand as Mayor of HGS. The Chairman said that if someone suitable is found, a Mayor could be appointed later on in the year.

Rudy Vis MP will open the Centenary celebrations supported by Sir Donald Sinden CBE. Jonathan Ross OBE will open the floral bed in Willifield Way. The new Mayor had been invited to attend the Event on 17 June but had not yet responded.

Suburb Gallery

The Chairman is negotiating with the Trust about the renewal of the lease.

Royal Free Hospital Public Meeting

Derek Chandler will talk to the practice manager at the Health Clinic before giving any publicity to this meeting.

Hampstead Heath Strategic Management Plan

The draft summary document was distributed to Council.

AGM

The Chairman was congratulated for his Chairing of the AGM and the Chairman thanked Derek Chandler, Selwyn Nakan and David Lewis for helping David Littaur run the bar and Richard Kemp and Christopher and Michael Colomb for their help with the public address system.

4 Question Time

Woodland at Rear of Creswick Walk/Willifield Way

Mark Sinden told the Council that LB Barnet had issued an enforcement order to take effect on 4 June against Mr Lipman over the decking erected in the woodland area. In the meantime Mr Lipman had purchased 188 Willifield Way which enables him to have access to the wood. He is now trying to sell his house in Creswick Walk without the woodland area and he has erected a fence in breach of his covenant. Jane Blackburn had told Mark Sinden that Counsel's opinion had been sought and it was thought it would not be worth attempting to obtain an injunction to prevent the partition of the land from the house. He said he had also been told by a Trust officer that if an infringement is out of sight, the Trust do not have a problem which he considered very worrying. He had written to the Trust asking for clarification of this remark. He will copy the correspondence to Consam which could take this up with the Trust.

Thornton Way/Meadway Junction

Mr Prevezer told Council that there had been two serious road accidents in two weeks at the junction of Thornton Way and Meadway. He would like the signage to be improved coming from Thornton Way. Perhaps the 'give way' signs should be replaced with 'stop' signs.

Problems with extra cars parking has been caused by the policy of Meadway Court not to allow parking inside the flats. Cllr Harper had looked at the junction and Mr Prevezer said he was sympathetic.

Gary Shaw will talk to Cllr Harper about this and Derek Chandler will speak to Sergeant Edmondson about the parked cars close to the junctions.

GS

Possibly an article could be included in the next Suburb News. Robert Prevezer agreed to be co-opted to the Roads and Traffic Committee.

DC
RW

5 Welcome to newly elected Council members

The Chairman welcomed Dave Brown, Janet Elliott and Will Sowerbutts to Council. Brian Rivett and Derek Epstein were unable to attend this meeting.

6 Motion to Suspend the 6 year Rule

The Chairman explained that this rule does not apply to Council members and Officers but only to committee members. Simon Abbott spoke in favour of the rule as after a year someone can rejoin a committee but it forces change. Eva Jacobs said that the 6 year rule had been found to be impossible and complicated to implement. Carol Boulter would not like to be co-opted to a committee which she did not wish to join. There would be no abuse of power caused by suspending the rule. Selwyn Nakan suggested that each year one third of a Committee whose members are eligible under the rule retire. Richard Wakefield suggested that every effort is made to make it work in future years.

A motion was proposed by David B Lewis and seconded by Gary Shaw 'that the 6 year rule be suspended for this year'. It was passed with two votes against.

7 Election to the Executive Committee

Georgina Malcolm did not wish to stand again for the EC and she was thanked for the work she had done.

A Motion was proposed by François Crompton Roberts and seconded by Max Petersen that the following should be elected to serve on the Executive Committee in addition to the officers:

Derek Chandler

David Littaur

Selwyn Nakan

Steve Morris

Gary Shaw

This was passed Nem Con.

Standing Committee Membership

It was agreed by Council that all Committee members should be members of the RA. A Motion was proposed by William Sowerbutts and seconded by Richard Kemp:

'That the following changes to the RA Committee and Representatives on other Suburb Organisation should be made:

Allotments

Add

Richard Kemp

Conservation and Amenities

Add

Brian Rivett

Derek Epstein is now a Council member

Insert

Geoffrey Spyer (sec) * 8455 3050

Events

Delete

Carol Kemp

Ian Tutton

Add

Dave Brown

Garden Suburb LA 21 Committee

Add

Nancy Boulicault* 8455 6890

Membership

Add

Will Sowerbutts

Dave Brown

Nicole Gerber

Delete

Joan Beales

Publications

Add

Francois Crompton Roberts

Roads & Traffic

Add

Robert Prevezer* 8455 1755

Derek Chandler is Secretary

William Sowerbutts is a Council member

Brian Rivett is a Council member

Trees & Open Spaces

Add

Tony Ghilchik*
Deborah Calland* 8458 6837

Constitution Working Group

A discussion took place as to whether this committee should be retained to consider the implication of the incorporation of the RA as a company limited by guarantee. Carol Boulter agreed with the Chairman that the committee should be dissolved and set up again when it is needed. Eva Jacobs pointed out the enormous amount of work that had been carried out by Simon Abbott and Michael Rowley on the proposed alterations to the Constitution which had been rejected by the SGM.

The Chairman proposed a Motion

‘ That the Constitution Working Group should be dissolved ‘
This was seconded by Eva Jacobs and passed nem Con.

Garden Suburb Gallery

Delete

Gerlinde Crossley

RA Theatre Club

Delete

Charlotte Mohr

Add

Madeleine Mellins* 458 0776
Ruth Cass*
Sonia Woolf*

Veronica Shaw is Chairman
Elaine Grays is Membership Secretary
Jean Barraclough and Valerie Codron are joint treasurers

RA Representatives on other Bodies

HGS CAAC

Delete

David Lewis
Peter Phillips

Add

Geoffrey Spyer
David Baker (chn)

HB School Governors Observer

Delete

Nicole Gerber

Add

Max Petersen

Kenwood Landscape Forum

Leonie Stephen is an alternate

A discussion was held about the representation on the Institute Council and this will be discussed again at the May Council meeting. Alan Brudney agreed to continue for a further period as an observer rather than a member.

9 Approval of Centenary Expenditure

The following requests for money had been recommended to Council by the EC:

- a) June Armstrong-Wright had requested £1,170 to perform a play 'With regard to the Dame' in the HBS School Hall in October. Any profits made would be given back to the RA
- b) £1,950 was requested for the Grand Opening Ceremony on 2 May to include refreshments, bunting and presentation roses.
- c) The designer of the tea towel had asked for £350 plus 10% of the sales.
- d) £440 plus vat was required to purchase four banners 7m long and 1.4m deep which would be displayed at Golders Hill Park, Central Square and the Pageant and other suitable events.
- e) £1,500 was requested for the event in Golders Hill Park on 24 June to cover publicity, refreshments for VIPs at request of City Corporation for Lord Mayor's visit.

John Boulter proposed and Richard Wakefield seconded a resolution 'That these items of expenditure are approved by Council'
This was passed Nem Com.

10 Kenwood Concerts

This will be discussed at the May Council Meeting.

11 Any other Urgent Business

Incorporation of the RA

Further to the informal discussion at the AGM, Simon Abbott proposed:

'That the EC bring a proposal to Council regarding the incorporation of the HGSR as a Company limited by guarantee'

This was seconded by John Boulter and passed Nem Com

Lyttelton Playing Fields

Leonie Stephen told Council that ten cherry trees had been planted in Lyttelton Playing Fields by John Crosher in honour of his parents

- 12 To confirm the date of the Next Meeting on Tuesday 1 May at 8 pm at Fellowship House

This was confirmed.