

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 April 2008
At Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Simon Abbott, Douglas Blausten, Tony Brand, ,
Dave Brown, Alan Brudney, Carol Boulter, Derek Chandler, Derek Epstein, ,
Colin Gregory, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Eva Jacobs,
David Lewis (Vice-Chairman), David Littaur, Steve Morris, Selwyn Nakan,
Max Petersen, Richard Kemp, Brian Rivett, Richard Wakefield, Alan Walker

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Joan Lawrence, Marc Sinden

The chairman welcomed Tony Brand to Council and Brian Rivett who has become the Honorary Secretary

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Peter Beesley, Terry Brooks, Francois Crompton Roberts, Janet Elliott, Nicole Gerber, Rosalind Josephs, Gary Shaw, Leonie Stephen.	
2	<u>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> These were approved.	
3	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda</u> <u>Suburb Film</u> The Chairman said that all residents who signed a Standing Order to pay their RA subscriptions will be given a copy of the film on DVD. The cost of producing eachDVD is 70p approximately plus the cost of the design and production of the cover. Richard Kemp said that the sound quality is not good and the sound track is distorted. The commentary in some places is too loud. The chairman said that the film needs a little more editing in parts Richard Wakefield asked why the Story Telling Festival at the HB School and St Judes Proms did not feature in the film. The Chairman explained that permission to film had been refused by the Proms committee and also by the HB School. Carol Boulter thought that the film was a good effort and captured the spirit of the centenary. Simon Abbott said that if the film is reworked it could feature a list of other major events not included in the film but Richard Kemp said that this would create a lot of work	

The Chairman proposed a Motion that the RA make the sum of £1,000 available to produce copies and design a cover. This was seconded by Simon Abbott and passed with one abstention

Centenary Museum

Derek Epstein reported that he, Marjorie Harris and Alfred Lester had met and John Hewson had also been invited to discuss proposals for a community centre. They had looked at the design of the previous Club House which was destroyed during WW2 and would like to reinstate a similar tower in front of the existing club house which would double the space available. Alfred Lester had written a letter to insert in the next issue of Suburb news explaining this proposal and inviting volunteers for a new committee and invitations will be issued to other groups to come up with ideas.

Eva Jacobs pointed out that disability access would have to be provided to the tower. DE said that there is a plan for wheelchair lift up to the first floor.

Colin Gregory said that consideration must be given as to how the building will be sustained in the future. Carol Boulter thought that this could be overpowering to the neighbours and they will have to be consulted.

In reply to a question from Richard Kemp, Derek Epstein said that he had talked to Jane Blackburn about the proposal and Richard Wakefield pointed out that it is possible to get an 'in principle' approval at an early stage.

A Motion was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Colin Gregory to set up a Club House & Museum Working Group and passed Nem Con.

The Chairman proposed a Motion that the sum of £500 is made available for administrative purposes. This was seconded by David Littaur and passed Nem Com.

A further update will be given to Council in June

Removal of Traffic Lights at top of Ossulton Way

There was no further news.

Membership Committee Mail shot to residents

Steve Morris said that this mail shot had been successful with 600 replies in the first week

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	<p><u>Benefactors Board</u> The Chairman will try to obtain an alternative estimate for this The plaque on the foundation cottage will also have to be replaced</p> <p><u>Michael Rowley Memorial</u> The Memorial Lecture will be held on 31 May 2008.</p>	
4	<p><u>Question Time</u></p> <p><u>Creswick Walk/ Willifield Way</u> Marc Sinden told the Council about a further application by Mr Lipton against the demolition of the gazebo in the woodland area to get access to the woods.</p> <p><u>Junk Mail</u> Marc Sinden suggested that the RA produce a self adhesive sticker with the RA logo to fix to front doors to say that no junk mail should be delivered. This would create some uniformity and they could be sold at small profit.</p> <p>Carol Boulter said that many people who deliverer junk mail do not read English so would not be able to understand the signs Colin Gregory thought that this would be an unfriendly gesture Junk mail is environmentally unfriendly and we should focus on the organisations sending it.</p> <p>Simon Abbott suggested an article in Suburb News explaining options open to residents to reduce junk mail and perhaps guidelines could be drawn up. Suggestions were made by Council members for dealing with junk mail including sending the mail back to the sender or delivering it back to the estate agents who sent it. Mark Sinden will write an article for Suburb News</p> <p><u>Parking at Barnet Hospitals</u> Joan Laurance would like the RA to assist her with doing something about the cost of parking at local hospitals. She had taken this matter up unsuccessfully with the Friends of the Royal Free. The Council supported her aim and she will draft a letter for the Chairman to send on behalf of the RA. The Chairman will talk to Chris Page to see whether he would become the RA's Health and Welfare adviser on the RA and whether he would like to join RA Council.</p>	DBL
5	<p><u>Election to the Executive Committee of the RA</u> In addition to the officers it was agreed that the following should serve on the EC for the coming year:</p> <p>Derek Chandler Eva Jacobs</p>	

David Littaur
Selwyn Nakan
Gary Shaw

RA Standing and other Committees

The following changes were made

Conservation and Amenities

Delete

Carol Boulter, David Littaur, Max Petersen

Add

Derek Epstein
Tony McGuire
Judith Chaney

Events Committee

Delete

Jean Barraclough, John Boulter, Francois Crompton-Roberts,
Lillian Slowe

Add

David Littaur
Tony Brand

Garden Suburb LA 21 Committee

Delete

Georgina Malcolm
(Move this committee to next page underneath Garden Suburb
Gallery)

Membership Committee

Add

Steve Morris -Acting Chn.
Janet Elliott is Membership Sec
Nicole Gerber is Sec

Add

David B Lewis

Publications Committee

Add

Carol Boulter

Roads and Traffic Committee

Delete

Ian Andrews, Mervyn Mandell, Robert Preveser, Brian Rivett,
Denis Baron*

	<p><u>Trees and Open Spaces</u> Delete Tim Neal, Ian Tutton Add Georgina Malcolm* (no longer secretary) Anne Crawley* (sec) Judith Samson*</p> <p>RW will send a get well card to Tim Neal</p> <p><u>100th Anniversary Celebrations</u> Delete</p> <p><u>Garden Suburb Gallery</u> Add Gerlinde Crossley* Dave Brown Pia Duran* Peter Falk* and volunteers</p> <p>RA Theatre Club Add Jean Barraclough*</p> <p>Add Club House & Museum Working Group Derek Epstein Marjorie Harris* Alfred Lester* John Hewson *</p> <p><u>RA Honorary Life Members</u> Add 2008 Joan Laurance 2008 Eddie Caplin</p>	RW
6	<p>RA Representatives on other Bodies</p> <p><u>Centenary Committee</u> Delete</p> <p>Add <u>Central Square Steering Group</u></p> <p>RW to get information about this committee</p>	RW

	<p><u>HGS Trust Property and Plans Committee</u> Add Alternate: Derek Epstein</p> <p><u>HGS Conservation Area Advisory Committee</u> DE will ascertain whether Geoffrey Spyer would become Chairman</p> <p><u>HGS Fellowship</u> Delete Joyce Littaur</p> <p><u>HGS Institute</u> Janet Elliott</p> <p><u>HB School Governors Observer</u> Max Petersen</p> <p>The Chairman will speak to Oliver Blond to confirm the status of this position.</p> <p><u>Safer Neighbourhood Team</u> Add Max Petersen Chn Derek Chandler Vice Chn. Details of this should be moved and included with section on Neighbourhood Watch</p>	<p>DE</p> <p>DBL</p>
7	<p><u>Proposal for a 'Subsidence' Working Group</u> The Chairman had been approached by Judith Samson who would be prepared to chair a committee to collate the experience of residents who had suffered subsidence on the Suburb. Douglas Blausten considered that subsidence is a technical matter which should be left to experts and the RA should not give any advice on this. Colin Gregory thought that it would be useful for the RA to have a better understanding of subsidence issues and perhaps Judith Sampson should be co-opted on to the Trees committee. The Chairman will talk to Leonie Stephen about this</p>	DBL
8	<p><u>Any Other Matters arising out of the Executive Committee Meeting or the AGM</u></p> <p><u>CPZ</u> A public meeting will be held on 13 May at the Free Church Hall. Posters will be prepared to advertise this.</p>	

	<p><u>Proposal for Annual Arts and Antique Fair on the Suburb</u> Richard Wakefield reported that this will be held at Henrietta Barnett School on 23 July for 2 weeks</p> <p><u>Notice Board</u> The Chairman will look at the draft licence for the Notice Board in Temple Fortune.</p> <p><u>Consultation by LB Barnet on Petitions</u> DC circulated a draft letter he had sent out on his name in response to the consultation from LB Barnet</p>	DBL
9	<p><u>Any Other Urgent Business</u></p> <p><u>Parking tickets in Falloden Way</u> Adjudication was circulated which allowed an appeal on the basis that the restrictions are not properly signed. It stated that the adjudicator finds it unacceptable that TFL pursues cases before addressing concerns raised in respect of the signage.</p>	
10	<p><u>To confirm the date of the next Meeting on Tuesday 6 May at 8 pm at Fellowship House</u> This was confirmed.</p>	