

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 May 2008  
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

*Present:* David B Lewis in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Carol Boulter, Francois Crompton-Roberts, Janet Elliott, Derek Epstein, Nicole Gerber, Colin Gregory, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Eva Jacobs , Steve Morris, Selwyn Nakan, Richard Kemp, Brian Rivett, Gary Shaw, Richard Wakefield,

1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Simon Abbott, Peter Beesley, Douglas Blausten, Dave Brown, Alan Brudney, Derek Chandler, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis (Vice Chairman), David Littaur, Max Petersen, Leonie Stephen, Alan Walker.</p>	
2	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p><u>Publications Committee</u> Delete Terry Brooks</p> <p><u>Roads &amp; Traffic Committee</u> Delete Gary Shaw</p> <p><u>Proposal for a 'Subsidence ' Working Group</u> Delete 'was' in line 4.</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Michael Rowley Memorial</u> Eva Jacobs reported that the symposium in memory of Michael Rowley will be an illustrated presentation by three lecturers from Kingston University on 'The Garden in the Suburb' which will be held on 31 May from 2-5.30pm at Friends Meeting House. Richard Wakefield had prepared a draft flyer which he circulated to Council. All are welcome and Council members were asked to attend. Council expressed their appreciation to Richard Wakefield for organising the publicity and he will include Philip Davis and Mervyn Miller in the invitations he sends out. Tea will be provided. It was suggested that the organisers ask Michael Rowley's son Jonathan or Siddiek Meer or to talk about Michael Rowley.</p> <p><u>Resignation of Derek Chandler</u> The Chairman reported that Derek Chandler has resigned from Council, the EC and Roads &amp;Traffic Committee because he is now out of London for most of the week and is unable to attend meetings. He has also resigned as the RA's representative on the</p>	

	<p>London Forum, FORAB and the Barnet Voluntary Service Council. He was thanked for all the work he had done for the RA over the years. The Chairman said that more members are needed to join the EC and the Roads &amp; Traffic Committee.</p> <p><u>Proposal for a Subsidence Working Group</u> Judith Sampson had agreed to join the Trees &amp; Open Spaces Committee</p> <p><u>CPZ</u> The proposed public meeting will be delayed pending a date when the local Councillors are able to attend.</p> <p><u>Parking Tickets in Fallosen Way</u> Gary Shaw informed Council that the 6 adjudications had all upheld the appeals made against the parking fines. Despite the TfL Highways Manager having agreed that that the signage needs changing, TfL continue to fight cases. The enforcement manager had assured Gary Shaw that CCTV cameras will not focus on the south loading bay until the signage issues have been resolved. With regard to the derestricted loading bay in Hill Rise, Gary Shaw is trying to establish whether this was a legally enforceable bay. If not it may be possible for residents who have paid fines to have their money refunded. Although it is LB Barnet's policy not to tow cars away, a car was towed by TfL on 6 May and Gary Shaw is helping the resident involved to resolve this issue. The Council very much appreciated all the work that Gary Shaw is doing to assist the large number of residents who had received fines. It was suggested by the Chairman that the RA should lobby not to tow away cars in Barnet as the LBB did not use this method of enforcement on its own roads.</p>	
4	<p><u>Question Time</u> There were no questions.</p>	
5	<p><u>HGS Trust Management Charge</u> The Leasehold Valuation Tribunal has rejected the application by some residents to band the Management Charge but said that the matter can be revisited by the Trust Council in the future. It did not consider the level charge to be unreasonable. Richard Wakefield said that the applicants have appealed against this decision on the grounds that the banding is not unreasonable.</p> <p>Richard Wakefield said that the Trust Council remains neutral on the application and the appeal although the four elected members</p>	

	<p>had been elected on the basis of supporting a banded charge.</p> <p>Council members thought that before taking any action, the Trust should consult residents by a postal ballot in accordance with the resolution which it had passed in February 2007. Richard Wakefield said that the Trust had considered asking residents for their views in the next edition of Suburb News but they needed a large response which they did not think they would achieve. Colin Gregory thought that the Trust should seek residents' views. Carol Boulter would like the Council to ask the Trust to keep the Suburb informed and clarify the issues involved. The Chairman said that he thought the only satisfactory consultation was a postal ballot of all residents.</p>	
6	<p><u>Club House and Museum Project Update.</u></p> <p>Derek Epstein had presented the proposals to Fellowship for a Community Centre to be built and incorporated into the existing Fellowship House. Fellowship had rejected the proposal and John Hewson had resigned from the working group. A new proposal is being formulated to redevelop the whole site as a view was expressed by a member of the committee that this could be acceptable. The committee will ask for some indication that it can proceed to draw up plans provided that there will be no cost to Fellowship, an alternative temporary venue to be provided for their activities and similar premises will be given back for their use when the new building is completed.</p> <p>Eva Jacobs said that there would be a huge difference in the cost of a new building. It was pointed out that the Centenary of the Club House is in 2010 and this project would be an appropriate celebration.</p> <p>Colin Gregory said that there should be a slow and gentle process to get support from Fellowship, Derek Epstein pointed out that the new Trustees of Fellowship are anxious to make it self sufficient and are putting in appropriate measures.</p> <p>Chris Kellerman has agreed to join the working group.</p>	
7	<p><u>Any Other Urgent Business</u></p> <p><u>RA Office</u> This has moved to Room 6 in the Free Church Hall which is larger and has more windows. There are new keys for the front door but the lock for the new office remains the same as the old office.</p> <p>Richard Wakefield was thanked for organising this move. He will try to have the desk restored at a more modest cost than the £600 quoted. This could be used in the Gallery.</p> <p><u>Arts and Craft Fair</u> Richard Wakefield said that this will be held at HB School on July</p>	RW

	<p>27<sup>th</sup>. Arts and Crafts will be combined with a display of modern art which will include the work of two suburb artists. The object is to hold an annual art and antique fair on the Suburb. Council welcomed this proposal.</p> <p><u>St Jude's Proms</u> Richard Wakefield circulated the draft advertisement for the RA to be included in the programme for the Proms. Council members expressed a variety of views about this and whether it should be informative or an advertisement in form. Suggestions were made including the inclusion of the web site address and that it should be headed 'A few good reasons why you should join the RA'. Ideas should be sent to Richard Wakefield and he and the Chairman will amend the draft.</p> <p><u>Walk around the Allotments</u> Richard Kemp reported that a walk around the Suburb Allotments will be led by Pia Duran on Sat 7 June at 10.00 leaving from Fellowship House. Council members were invited.</p> <p><u>Trees and Open Spaces Report</u> Francois Crompton Roberts asked for a discussion of the new tree evaluation system proposals. The Chairman suggested that Council should hear a report from Trees &amp; Open Spaces at its July meeting as Colin Gregory pointed out that the next meeting of Trees &amp; Open Spaces was the day after the June Council meeting.</p> <p><u>21 Willifield Way</u> Richard Kemp informed Council that there were markings for a crossover in front of this house with a tree in the middle. Consam and the Trust will look into this.</p>	<p>RW DBL</p> <p>FCR</p> <p>DE RW</p>
8	<p><u>To confirm the date of the next meeting on Tuesday June 3 at Fellowship House at 8.00pm</u> This was confirmed</p>	