

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association
 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6th April 2010
 at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: Janet Elliott, in the Chair

Douglas Blausten, John Boulter, Carol Boulter, Tony Brand, Charles Gale ,
 Tony Ghilchik, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Colin Gregory,
 Eva Jacobs, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis, David Littaur, Tony McGuire,
 Judith Samson, Geoffrey Spyer, Richard Wakefield,

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Andrew Botterill, Tam Parsons (Ham and High),
 Jonathan Seres, Bill Asprey, Peter Falk

The Council agreed that this meeting should be open to all visitors and in these circumstances the Chairman of the HGS Trust, Angus Walker, decided that he and Jane Blackburn would not be prepared to talk about the decision on the planning appeal on 24 Ingram Avenue. He said that the Trust was still in litigation and he was unable to make a public statement. It would also be unhelpful to do so as it may be taken out of context. He was happy to have informal talks with residents. A public statement had been made to the Ham and High.

1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Simon Abbott, Alan Brudney, Terry Brooks, Bridget Cox, Louise Felder, Steve Morris Max Petersen, Ian Tutton. Richard Wiseman</p>	
2	<p><u>Welcome to newly elected Council members and Officers</u></p> <p>Janet Elliott welcomed the newly elected Council to the Meeting. Louise Felder was the only new member this year and she had been unable to attend this Meeting. Janet Elliott hoped to meet her before the May Council Meeting.</p> <p>A proposal had been made that Jonathan Seres be co-opted to Council. As Council had not been informed of this prior to this Meeting it will be considered at the May Council meeting.</p>	
3	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>These were approved.</p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Potholes</u></p> <p>Many of these had now been dealt with, with the major ones filled in within hours. Many smaller holes remained.</p> <p><u>Subsidence Working Party Report</u></p> <p>There was no further progress on the publication of the Report.</p>	

	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p><u>Resignations</u></p> <p>Richard Kemp had also resigned from Council since the last meeting</p>	
5	<p><u>Question Time</u></p> <p>Bill Asprey wanted to highlight the concern of residents at the cost of the appeal by the HGS Trust on 24 Ingram Avenue. This he understood could amount to £250,000. He considered that the RA should show more leadership by challenging the Trust on this issues. Tony Ghilchik said that this appeal had been essential to the preservation of the Suburb. Janet Elliott said the RA Council had not yet heard the HGS Trust's full explanation following the decision of the Court and, as a result of the decision at the beginning of this meeting it would not hear that explanation tonight.</p> <p>Peter Falk said that he was keen for the RA to engage with the Trust and to ensure that they are acting in the best interest of the Suburb. The RA's job is to challenge the Trust and the RA should be more involved. He asked whether the RA is prepared to become more involved in the question of the Trust's strategy.</p> <p>Janet Elliott said that Officers of the RA Council and members of Consam had been in touch with the Trust over this matter and been given informal information based on an interim Trust position. She agreed that the RA must be prepared to challenge the Trust on particular issues or its general strategy when the Council decided it be the best course of action. However, in respect of the Ingram Avenue case, the Council was not yet in a position of sufficient information to make any such decision</p> <p>Andrew Botterill said that there is a substantial amount of money involved and referred to the RA's obligation under its Constitution to formulate and represent residents' views. He asked whether the RA Council is going to actively inform residents and to enable a clear debate to take place between the residents and the Trust. He thought that the judgment of the Trustees of the HGS Trust I this instance had been appalling and something needed to be done.</p> <p>Jonathan Seres suggested that a new RA committee to engage constructively with the Trust might be a way forward. Janet Elliott noted this and suggested that he might put something more detailed in writing. However she stressed the importance of a full understanding of the currently inter-action between the RA and the Trust, before any changes were considered. Richard Wakefield stressed the importance of working constructively with the Trust as the RA Officers and Consam were already doing.</p> <p>Carol Boulter said that many important things had been said and Council should make time to discuss such matters.</p>	

6	<p><u>Election to the Executive Committee and other RA Committees and RA Representation on other Bodies</u></p> <p>Council agreed to suspend the 6 year rule for a further year. There was one objection to this proposal.</p> <p><u>Executive Committee</u></p> <p>In addition to the three 3 Officers Janet Elliott, David Lewis and John Boulter the following Council members were elected to the Executive Committee: Tony Ghilchik, Eva Jacobs, David Littaur, Richard Wakefield and Richard Wiseman.</p> <p><u>Allotments Committee</u></p> <p>Pia Duran (Chair) 84582300 Alan Brudney Terry Rand 84558136 John Sells (Asmunds Place Site) 84558124 Brian Finch (Big Site) 84556036 Peter Hodgson (Willifield Way, Erskine Hill & Chatham Close Sites) 84581311 Maryrose Kaplan (Addison/Creswick Site) 82090984 Margaret Lancaster (Woodside Site 84558140 Celia Parkyn (Fellowship Site) 84552609 Evelyn Thomas (Willifield & Wordsworth Site) 84586380 Ken Young (The Orchard) 84551310 Gloria Moss (Eastholm Site) 0208 458 2879</p> <p><u>Conservation and Amenities Committee</u></p> <p>Geoffrey Spyer (Chn) Alan Jacobs (Sec – co-opted) Jeremy Clynes (co-opted) Nicole Gerber (co-opted) Tony Ghilchik Rosalind Josephs David Lewis Tony McGuire John Sells (co-opted) Jonathan Seres also indicated his interest in serving in this area should he join the RA Council.</p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <p>David Littaur (Chn) Bridget Cox (Sec) Simon Abbott Tony Brand Annette Davis (co-opted) Charles Gale Alan Walker (co-opted)</p>	

Richard Wakefield

Membership

Steve Morris (Acting Chn)
Janet Elliott (Membership Secretary)
Sue Aldous (co-opted) – Life members and Associates
Ward Organisers and Ward Reps

Publications

Terry Brooks (Chn)
Steve Morris
Lorna Page (co-opted)
Terry Rand (co-opted)
Judith Samson
Richard Wakefield
Deborah Warland (co-opted)

Road & Traffic

Will Sowerbutts (Chn)
Alan Armstrong-Wright (co-opted)
Benson Greenberg (co-opted)
Judith Samson
Richard Wiseman

Trees and Open Spaces

Tony Ghilchik (Chn)
Eva Jacobs (Sec)
Peter Beesley
Alan Brudney
Deborah Calland (co-opted)
Peter Falk ((co-opted)
Colin Gregory
Sally Lewis (co-opted)
Ann Spencer (co-opted)
Leonie Stephen (co-opted)
IanTutton

Community Facilities & Museum Working Group

Simon Abbott (Chn)
Marjorie Harris (Horticulture Society)
Chris Kellerman (Fellowship)
Alfred Lester (Archive Trust)
David Littaur
Ian Tutton (Free Church)
Alan Walker (St. Judes & the Archive Trust)

Garden Suburb Gallery

Richard Wakefield

Pia Duran
Peter Falk and volunteers

Garden Subur LA21 Committee

Richard Wakefield
Richard Wiseman

Litter Team

Rosalind Josephs and 120 volunteers

RA Theatre Club

to come from Valerie Codron

Suburb Website

Steve Morris

The Council agreed that the Subsidence Working Party stood be stood down, as it completed its original brief.

RA representatives and nominees on other organisations

Barnet Voluntary Service Council (delete)

Bigwood and Littlewood Management Group

Tony Ghilchik
Alan Brudney
Colin Gregory
Deborah Calland
Peter Falk
Sally Lewis

English Heritage Liaison

Geoffrey Spyer

Federation of Residents Associations of LB of Barnet (FORAB)

Derek Chandler

HGS Trust, Grants and Amenities Committee

Simon Abbott
Eva Jacobs
Alternate: Colin Gregory

HGS Trust, Property and Plans Committee

Alan Jacobs (sec. Consam),
David Lewis, (RA Vice Chairman and Consam),
Alternate: Geoffrey Spyer (Chairman Consam)

HGS Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Carol Boulter,
Alan Jacobs,

	<p>Max Petersen, Geoffrey Spyer</p> <p>Eva Jacobs undertook to ask Alan Jacobs to check with the Chairman whether David Littaur is a member.</p> <p><u>HGS Fellowship</u> Carol Boulter</p> <p><u>HGS Institute</u> Janet Elliott.</p> <p><u>HB School Governors Observer</u> DELETE</p> <p><u>Kenwood Landscape Forum</u> Eva Jacobs</p> <p><u>Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee</u> Colin Gregory</p> <p><u>London Forum of Greater London Amenity Societies</u> Derek Chandler</p> <p><u>Memorial Seats</u> Vacant</p> <p><u>North London Hospice North West Support Group</u> David Lewis</p> <p><u>Orchard Housing Society</u> Simon Abbott</p> <p>Louise Felder now a member of the Council has as yet to identify her interests and availability.</p>	
7	<p><u>Feedback from AGM</u></p> <p>Rosalind Josephs said that David Littaur and his committee had done an excellent job. She would, however, like to see the loop system for the hard of hearing used at the AGMs in future. David Littaur suggested that the loop system which is also installed and used at Fellowship House, be used for future RA Council Meetings. Carol Boulter undertook to find out how the system could be used.</p> <p>Richard Wakefield stated that he preferred the Free Church to the HB School as a venue for the AGM.</p> <p>Tony McGuire said that the RA had missed an opportunity at the AGM and had allowed its image to come across in a way which we would not have wanted, with the lengthy debate about laminating notices.</p>	CB

	<p>John Boulter pointed out that any resolution submitted in the correct way must be considered at the AGM. Members of the Council had tried to persuade Marjorie Harris not to proceed with this but had been unsuccessful.</p> <p>Jonathan Seres asked whether the terms of the Constitution could be amended regarding the submission of Resolutions for the AGM, so that a minimum number of signatories were required. He also suggested that a topic could be selected at each AGM to give it greater focus and wider impact.</p>	
8	<p><u>Limited Liability</u></p> <p>Janet Elliott said that she had had a meeting on 23rd March with Colin Gregory, Steve Morris, and Richard Wiseman and had sent a series of comments to Peter Beesley. Colin Gregory had also undertaken to send some comments, mostly on drafting points to Peter Beesley. Council agreed that there was no great urgency for this and if the original early summer deadline for a Special General Meeting could not be met it would have to be done properly which and may require more time.</p>	
9	<p><u>Reports from RA Committees</u></p> <p><u>Consam</u></p> <p>Geoffrey Spyer said that comments on the consultation of the draft Conservation Area Management Proposal document, based on the Trust's Character Appraisal and Design Guidelines, had been prepared by Consam and sent to LB Barnet. There had been no acknowledgment of this or of Consam's request to extend the consultation period. Consam were happy with the documents in principle but considered that some of the statements in the management proposals should be strengthened. Consam had circulated a report to Council members.</p> <p>Carol Boulter said that the lack of a response from LB Barnet should be taken up.</p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <p>David Littaur said that it would not be possible to organise a hustings on a date when the three main political parties were able to be represented. He will give a fuller report at the next Council Meeting of future events</p> <p><u>Institute</u></p> <p>Richard Wakefield told Council that a new Chairman had been appointed, Stephen Brain and that he would like the RA Council to discuss the RA's involvement with the Institute.</p> <p><u>Publications</u></p>	

	<p>A report had been circulated to Council and Carol Boulter said that the Council should make time to discuss this as there was no time available at this meeting.</p> <p>Richard Wakefield said that a new corporate look for RA stationery had been agreed and will be shown to the EC at their next meeting.</p> <p>Comments were made by Council members that more time should be allowed for reports from Committees, preferably higher up the agenda and Tony McGuire thought that too much time is spent on items at the beginning of the agenda.</p> <p>Janet Elliott said that Council members may ask to receive minutes of all or any of the Committees to keep them informed. Colin Gregory pointed out that significant matters arising in Standing Committees should be brought to Council for discussion and it may be preferable if there were fewer reports at each Council meeting.</p> <p>Janet Elliott commented that particular issues had been brought to the Council's notice at the specific request of Committee Chairman and others on several occasions during the past year.</p>	
10	<p><u>Any Other Urgent Business</u></p> <p><u>Michael Rowley Memorial Lecture</u></p> <p>David Littaur said that this year's lecture will be held on Saturday 8th May at Friends Meeting House. The title will be 'Utopia or Heterotopia'</p> <p>Eva Jacobs asked for more publicity than had been given to last year's event.</p>	
11	<p><u>To confirm the date of the next Meeting on Tuesday 4th May at 8.00pm at Fellowship House</u></p> <p>This was confirmed</p>	