



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday,  
7th April 2015 at Fellowship House at 8.00pm.

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair,  
Douglas Blausten, Lynda Cook, Charles Gale, Tony Ghilchik, Anita Harlow, Louise Hillman, Brian Ingram, David Littaur, Max Petersen, Frances Prentice, Amanda Reuben, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Hella Schrader, Ann Spencer, Diane Walsh. Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary).

Apologies or absent: Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Colin Gregory, Jeremy Hershkorn, Stephanie Hurst, Simon Sackman, John Sells

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Aaron Smith, Kimberley Gundel, David Marks, Jeremy Freeman, David and Beverley Tankel

The Chairman welcomed the visitors and the new members of Council

## **1. Approval of Minutes**

(a) March 2014 Council Meeting

9. Committees

Trees and Open Spaces

Rubbish behind Market Place

The second sentence should be deleted.

Budget

Plaque for House where Elizabeth Taylor and Donald Sinden had lived

Insert '2014' after 'May' in line 1.

(b) March 2014 EC meeting

The draft Minutes were received by Council

## **2 Matters Arising**

RA Activities

The Toddlers Party will now be held on 6 September 2015

Charles Gale kindly agreed to bring a spare set of keys for Fellowship House to each Council meeting.

### **3. Question Time**

David Marks wished to raise the issue of the St Jude's Transmitter Mast. It will be discussed under Item 9.

### **4. Approval of Minutes to Special General Meeting and Annual General Meeting held on 30 March 2015**

These were approved as amended and will be resubmitted to Council. **GS**

### **5. Election of Executive Committee**

A Motion to elect the following to the Executive Committee was passed Nem Con

Chairman – David B Lewis  
Vice Chairman – Max Petersen  
Hon Secretary - Gary Shaw  
Hon Treasurer – Louise Hillman  
Tony Ghilchik  
David Littaur  
Amanda Reuben  
Diane Walsh

### **6. Election of Standing Committees**

Council considered the following recommendations for Council members to serve on the Standing Committees and in each case they were elected Nem Con.

#### **Consam**

Douglas Blausten  
Janet Elliott\*  
Jeremy Clynes\*  
David B Lewis  
David Lewis\*  
Max Petersen  
Jonathan Rowley\*  
Simopn Sackman  
John Sells  
Ann Spencer  
Louise Scheur\*  
Alex Shattock\*  
Geoffrey Spyer\*

#### **Events**

Tony Brand  
Peter Chapman  
Charles Gale  
Anita Harlow  
David Littaur (C)  
Amanda Reuben  
Talat Rashid  
Susan Segal-Horn\*  
Hella Schrader  
Alan Walker\*  
Diane Walsh

**Marketing**

Charles Gale  
Jeremy Hershkorn  
Brian Ingram  
Max Petersen  
Amanda Reuben  
Ann Spencer  
Diane Walsh (C)

**Membership**

Sue Aldous\*  
Jeremy Clynes\*  
Janet Elliott\* (C)  
Frances Prentice  
Hella Schrader

**Publications**

Terry Brooks (C)  
David B Lewis  
Lorna Page\*  
Terry Rand\*  
Judith Samson\*  
Gary Sheldon\*

**Roads & Traffic**

Alan Armstrong-Wright\*  
Charles Gale  
Michael Milner\*  
Gary Shaw (C)  
Harry Simmonds\*  
Will Sowerbutts\*  
Diane Walsh

**Trees & Open Spaces**

Peter Beesley\*  
Alan Brudney  
Deborah Calland\*  
Lynda Cook  
Peter Falk\*  
Tony Ghilchik (C)  
Colin Gregory  
Sally Lewis\*  
Philip Samworth\*  
Maria Schlatter\*  
Ann Spencer\*

**6. RA Representation on other Organisations**

The Council considered and confirmed the following appointments Nem Con

**ALLOTMENTS**

Alan Brudney

(The Nine allotment site Secretaries are ex officio committee members)

Bigwood and Littlewood Management Group

Tony Ghilchik,

Alan Brudney

*Colin Gregory - technically represents the Garden Suburb Theatre*

*Numerous additional volunteers*

City of London's Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee

Colin Gregory

Federation of Residents Associations of LB of Barnet (FORAB)

Janet Elliott

HGS Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC)\*

Max Petersen

Geoffrey Spyer

HGS Fellowship

Brian Ingram

HGS Heritage

David Littaur

HGS Institute

Janet Elliott

HGS Trust, Estates Committee

Patricia Major

HGS Trust, Finance Committee

Max Petersen

HGS Trust, Grants and Amenities Committee

Eva Jacobs

Louise Scheuer

HGS Trust, Property and Plans Committee\*

Jonathan Rowley

Max Petersen

Alternate: Geoffrey Spyer

HGS Trust, Trees Survey Steering Group

Tony Ghilchik

Kenwood Landscape Forum

Maria Schlatter

London Forum of Greater London Amenity Societies

Derek Chandler

North London Hospice (North West Support Group)

David Lewis

The Orchard Housing Society

Diane Berger

Alan Brudney

***Other RA Committees and Working Groups(***

Litter Team

Charles Gale (and 112+ volunteers)

*Memorial Seats??*

Suburb Website

*Steve Morris*

**7. Proposal for Transmitter Mast on St Jude's Spire**

DBL told the Meeting that a proposal to erect two antennae fixed to the spire of St Jude's to enable utility supply meters to be read remotely, had been raised at the AGM. There would be two metal antennae plus cables/boxes.

Although Consam had discussed this, after a vote the majority of the committee had no objection subject to certain conditions but soundings were taken at the AGM and it appeared that the Meeting was against the proposal

The consultation period expired on 2nd April but Cllr Marshall had agreed that submissions could be considered up to the date when the decision is taken.

DBL said that he thought the height of the antennae would be 4m which is much higher than 1.8m mentioned in the text and this is being looked into.

Tony Ghilchik pointed out that the Church had not yet decided whether they would agree to the transmitter, although they would receive payment for this.

A draft letter of objection to this proposal was circulated to the Council for their comments. It included statements by two local architects.

David Marks a resident from South Square spoke against the proposal. He said that that the letter was excellent and all the local residents he had spoken to objected to this application.

He was concerned that if consent was granted that it could become a precedent. The disturbance to neighbours had not been considered and he talked about the potential health risk of radiation from the transmitter. and he cited some sources to substantiate this view. There could be a continuous supply of data crossing the Suburb. Smart meters are not compulsory.

David Tankel endorsed what David Marks had said.

JS thought that the RA should not go beyond their level of expertise.

Aaron Smith, another local resident pointed out that the antennae are opposite HB School.

DBL told the Meeting that over a period of years the RA had stopped some 12 telephone transmitter masts being erected on the Suburb.

Another resident Beverley Tankel, suggested that the RA lobby the Church.

Frances Prentice thought that we should also consider other transmitters which are outside the Suburb but are nearby but David Marks said that all the masts are different.

David Marks offered to pass his file to the RA for them to consider.

DBL said that St Jude's is a grade one listed building designed by a world famous architect.

DLt would like to see a facsimile of the mast . On the health issue he said that few members of the RA are qualified to assess the situation . He asked whether Mr Marks was qualified to do so.

JS agreed that on the health side Council is not competent to express an agreement as they have not carried out any research on the subject.

It was proposed that the draft letter is sent to LB Barnet on behalf of the RA and another letter concentrating on the health issues could be submitted later if the application has not been turned down.

A vote was taken by members of the Council who voted Nem Con in favour of sending the letter objecting to the proposed planning application,.

#### **8. Sir Donald Sinden and Dame Elizabeth Taylor blue plaques**

Gary Shaw told the Meeting that he had obtained the permission of the householders to mount the plaques on their houses. The cost of the plaques including the fixing would be £1144.39, plus vat although there has been an offer to contribute half the cost of the Elizabeth Taylor house. JS raise the question of insurance for the erection of the plaque as well as the ongoing insurance. GS will look into this and prepare a short proposal for discussion at the next meeting. **GS**

#### **9. Request for donation from Diamond Jubilee Gateway**

This was adjourned to the May Meeting of Council.

#### **10. Committee Reports**

##### Litter/Trees and Open Spaces

Charles Gale told Council that he had spoken to LB Barnet regarding the litter which was accumulating on the piece of land contiguous to Bute Mews, behind Market Place and they are arranging for their representatives to meet with him. They suggested a two prong approach – health and safety and fly tipping  
Tony Ghilchik said he will be holding a meeting on 8 April to look into this.

#### **11. Any other Urgent Business**

There was none.

#### **12. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Fellowship House at 8.00pm**

This was confirmed