

HIGHAMS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association held on THURSDAY 22nd APRIL 2010 in the Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion, High Road, Woodford Green.

Present:

Paul Dawney (in the chair) and approx 22 members.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Hazel Gadsby, Peter Larkin, Jim Fewell, John Joslin, Pat Whaymand, Chris Twinn.

Minutes:

The minutes of the fifty-fourth Annual General Meeting were distributed to members. The adoption of the minutes were proposed and carried unanimously. (The minutes of the subsequent AGMs will be posted to the website.)

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the accounts independently examined by Mr Malcolm Horder to 31st December 2009 were circulated and presented by the Treasurer Henry Whaymand. The Treasurer stated that the financial position of the Association was satisfactory. It was proposed that the annual subscription, which had been £1 from 1996, be increased to £2 from 2011. (Proposed by Paul Dobson and seconded by Jill Carter and accepted unanimously.)

The Chairman's Report:

Paul Dawney went through the Chairman's Report (written by Peter Larkin who has had to stand down due to working abroad.)

Website~: the website was a great success providing useful information about the activities of the Association and a useful and efficient means of communication.

Road Traffic Management Changes~: there was ongoing communication with the council in respect of the changes to the local roads. The Association was not taking a particular stance on this issue due to the varying views of the residents.

Communication~: There had been 4 newsletters to residents over the year.

Adoption of grass corner: The grass corner (Charter Road/Henrys Ave) had been adopted by the HRA and there would be more bulb planting going forward.

Membership~: this had increased significantly.

Security~: email communication about crimes in the area.

Ransom Strip:

Paul Dobson reported that the strip was being maintained by the residents in a reasonable fashion. There had been correspondence between the Association and Redbridge Council in respect of the easement wording for allowing the school access to the building for emergency access only. So far the Council has resisted the wording of the easement. The school must write to the Association each year to confirm their acceptance of the agreed easement. Redbridge council are paying for the solicitors fees and we are asking them to pay the land registry fees. It was suggested that we ask the school to pay an annual fee for the easement. It was also suggested that we enquire into whether the trustees could be named officers of the HRA, rather than named people. Concern was raised over the potential loss of parking opposite the emergency access route into the school.

It was noted that 2 of the trustees of the strip stepped down at the 2009 AGM. It was proposed that the three trustees be confirmed as Alan Paul Dobson, Jill Carter and Peter Merrick. This proposal was put forward by Richard Moules and seconded by Nicky Dawney and passed nem.con.

Green Initiative: ~ Members of the Committee had attended a green initiative meeting with a green charity and information about going green will be placed on the website.

Election of New Officers and Committee Members

Chairman: at present there is no Chairman and it was proposed to carry on without one.

Vice Chairman: Paul Dawney

Secretary: Alison Ring

Treasurer: Henry Whaymand

Membership secretary: Ian Hill

Subs collector: Beatrice Straker

Planning Advisor: Nicky Dawney

Trustees Manager: Paul Dobson

Communications: Hazel Gadsby

All of the above officers were proposed by Richard Moules and seconded by Jill Carter and passed unanimously.

Jill Carter was nominated to the committee by Mr Carter and seconded by Henry Whaymand and passed nem.con.

Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

Mr Malcolm Horder of 55 Montalt Road was willing to stand for re-election again and his election was accepted nem.con.

Any Other Business

Asked Committee to contact the "Keep Woodford Green" assoc to see if we can work together, particularly in respect of the adopted corner of land.

Members reminded that they could attend the Ward Community Council Meetings to see if we could get money for any projects which the HRA may want to do.

Best Garden Competition was suggested by the Committee

Matters to be commented on to council by HRA

Does the volume of traffic in the Charter Road warrant a beliesha beacon?

Sign for Keysham Avenue that this is local access only

Lack of street cleaning on the estate

What is the time plan for Ascham homes maintenance work on the Lodges?

Frequency of bin emptying in the Highams Park over the summer

A Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was recorded to Mrs Angela Thompson and others who organised the refreshments and to the Rugby Club for making the Pavilion available.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.25pm