



The Counties Residents' Association

Protecting the interests of the community

Minutes of Meeting 7th October 2008

Those Present:-

Helen Zammett	Chairman CRA	HZ
Malcolm Dowers	Webmaster CRA	MD
Philip Carnelley	Treasury	PC
Gill Braham		GB
Kate West	Membership Secretary CRA	KW

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Ron Berger, Janet Berger and Naomi Passman
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** – PC mentioned that item 3(g) should be amended to read that “John Pearce and Anna Van Overbeke were unaware that 2 of the trees with TPOs were returned to healthy status”. Otherwise it was agreed the minutes were an accurate record of the last meeting.
3. **Conservation (a) the Conservation Assessment Process.** MD reported that on 15 September he took the report prepared as a result to the consultant’s draft report. It is expected that the final report once prepared, will be considered at the Area One committee meeting to be held on 4 February 2009. ACTION: HZ to informal contact the consultants in two weeks time to establish expected timing.
Conservation (b) lack of Redbridge Planning Department resource. Concerns were raised about the lack personnel dedicated to conservation in the planning department. ACTION: HZ to write to Harry Cohen mentioning residents concerns regarding staff shortages
4. **9 Nutter Lane.** Although the CRA did not feel it appropriate to object, residents were notified by e mail and neighbouring residents were mailed information concerning the proposed development so members have an opportunity to object if they so wish.
5. **Chepstow.** No new applications or pre applications regarding the site. Our request to be consulted by Redridge has been noted.
6. **Any Other Business.**
 - (a) Learner Driver Petition. Following a recent petition brought by Peter Goody to an Area 1 committee asking for learner drivers to be banned from the Firs Estate we have circulated a petition saying that if the Firs Estate were to ban learner drivers then we would want a ban also. .
 - (b) It was noted that the trustees of the Nutter Playing Fields have almost completed the legal work which will result in the grant of a formal lease to the Bowls Club, Drummond Lawn Tennis Club and Wanstead Cricket Club who all use the area. This is to permit these clubs to apply for future grants and funding.
7. **Date and Time of Next Meeting- 10 December 2008 time and venue to be determined.**