

MINUTES OF THE CRA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 27 HEREFORD ROAD

Present:	Helen Zammett	Chairman	HZ
	Janet Berger	Secretary	JB
	Gill Bramham	Membership	GB
	Malcolm Dowers	Webmaster	MD
	Ron Berger		RB
	Steve De'Ath		SD
	Naomi Passman		NP

Also present Jane Leighton from Vision.

1. **Jane Leighton Discusses the Plan for the Redbridge Recreation Field**

Jane Leighton, Vision Arts Development Officer, thanked HZ for getting things moving on the £5,000 money from Telford to be spent on the Nutter Lane Recreation Field. It was noted that CRA residents' preference was for plants and benches and so the Committee felt that the money was now spoken for, especially as it had been agreed at the 2012 AGM.

The request for additional funding for a play area had not been successful as funding is not given to something that has not been designed. There were also issues with the Parks Department and maintenance. The committee did not agree with the suggestion of using the £5,000 for a designer to secure funding.

- Telford money - It was decided to pursue the spending of the £5,000 on trees and benches as agreed by members of the CRA.
- Play area - Jane Leighton will have further discussions with the Parks Department and Simon Algar regarding the application for funding from the Environmental Development Reserve for a play area. MD will draw up a plan of what the CRA envisage for Committee members to comment on. The concepts will be discussed at the next CRA meeting. The matter will also progress through Area 1.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Mark Bentley.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

5. HZ reported that the application to install a fence between the cricket ground and the tennis club had been refused on the grounds of height, scale, failure to maintain and enhance a conservation area and that it would be harmful to the vista of Applegarth.

9 (a) Track to Eton Manor Rugby Club – HZ reported that she was still awaiting information.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Report received from the treasurer: all membership receipts received have been banked, and nothing has been spent since the last meeting, so no material change from then.

5. Membership Report

GB reported that £63 in membership fees had been received since the last meeting. GB has been leafleting the area and this has generated 10 additional members. The membership is now 81. Last year it was 92.

6. Update on the Evergreen Field

It was noted that there was a reduced fee for the Wanstead Society's planning application as there was no building involved. HZ had contacted Bristol regarding the CR1 status to ask if this designation would mean that the developer's appeal request would be automatically refused. Unfortunately CR1 is not a national designation and so the Inspector would take it into consideration but not refuse an appeal over it.

7. Update on the Police Station

HZ reported that the petition on the closure of Wanstead Police Station has been presented to the Metropolitan Police. There is not a lot of hope that this will succeed but still waiting to hear. Contact points in supermarkets have been suggested and Councillor Prince has promised a base in Wanstead. HZ reported that not a lot more can be done.

8. Update on the Local NHS

HZ reported on the local NHS. Closure of KGH A&E should have been in April 2012 but now the NHS cannot give a date. KGH Maternity is still officially scheduled for closure in April 2013 but significant problems are emerging with this timescale. £14 million has been spent on A & E at Whipps Cross Hospital. It was noted that next year GPs will be in charge.

9. The Chairmanship

HZ raised the matter of her continuation as Chairman of CRA. It was agreed that HZ continue in the post and her contribution to CRA was appreciated. RB offered to arrange the distribution of the newsletters in the future.

10. Any Other Business

(a) War Memorial - NP noticed that the supports and fence around the War Memorial had been changed. It was noted that these may be painted in the future.

(b) Yellow lines on the corners of Leicester Road/Grove Park and The Avenue – GB asked if there had been any developments. MD will go to the next Area 1 meeting for an up-date.

(c) Banners in the High Street – the deadline for objections is at the end of November. It was noted that two yellow planning notices must go up. HZ raised the matter of the start date for a planning application and suggested asking for clarification. MD said that lack of certainty may work to the benefit of those making representations. It was decided not to pursue the matter of clarification.

(d) Appeals – HZ will ask for clarification on material going to appeal.

- (e) 31 Nutter Lane – HZ reported that there are new residents in 31 Nutter Lane. She wondered what the implications were for Mr Lucy’s plans for the site.
- (f) Relaxation of planning – HZ reported that we do not know the details of how this would apply to conservation areas. A consultation is expected.
- (g) Decision notices – HZ will check on the lack of decision notices being sent. HZ reported on the following applications:
 - 44 Preston Drive – no decision
 - 29 Rutland Road – no decision
 - 56 Preston Drive – granted subject to conditions. (It was decided not write to Redbridge to enforce conditions as the application would set a precedent.)

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

CRA/NHW Monday 28 January 2013 at 7.30pm in 27 Gloucester Road

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