

**MINUTES OF THE CRA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 28 JANUARY 2013 AT 27 GLOUCESTER ROAD**

<b>Present:</b>	Helen Zammett	Chairman	<b>HZ</b>
	Janet Berger	Secretary	<b>JB</b>
	Malcolm Dowers	Webmaster	<b>MD</b>
	Gill Bramham	Membership Secretary	<b>GB</b>
	Ron Berger		<b>RB</b>

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Mark Bentley, Steve De'Ath and Naomi Passman.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2012 agreed.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

(a) The financial summary from the Treasurer was received. It was noted that all receipts from the summer membership renewal season had been banked and a record £545.60 has so far been collected. The total balance is £2,633.05.

(b) Surplus money – suggestions for using some of the surplus money were discussed. It was decided not to pursue adding financially to the proposals for the Nutter Recreation Field. Other suggestions such as signage, gorilla gardening etc were not viable. Ideas were needed for the next committee meeting. It was agreed to keep £1,000 in the bank and set aside the remainder for use on a project to be decided.

**4. Membership Report**

GB reported that nine more renewals had been received making a total of 89 households. To date no requests for membership have been received from High Cedars. RB reported that he had spoken to a visitor to one of the flats who suggested that the only way to gain access would be by ringing a bell until someone appears. An alternative suggestion would be to send a newsletter, by mail, to each block and look for a volunteer. (RB)

**5. Current Situation on Planning Applications**

HZ reported on the current situation with planning applications:

9 Nutter Lane – an application has been submitted to change a side extension to a house. It was agreed to object to the proposal as a previous application to build a separate dwelling was refused and also circulate a letter to residents in the vicinity. (HZ)

71 Nutter Lane – conversion of a garage into a habitable room. No objection.

23 Reydon Avenue – appeal ongoing. Decision expected on 27 March 2013.

44 Preston Drive – extension. Under consideration.

31 Nutter Lane – two new houses. There is not much difference between the original request and the new application. The Inspector's concerns are not addressed. Details will be sent to HZ.

Evergreen Field – Dalco have demanded to see the Wanstead Society's accounts.

1A Hereford Road – still ongoing. HZ will check.

**6. Redbridge Planning Core Strategy Review**

The Redbridge Planning Core Strategy Review was discussed. HZ reported on the NPPF and the consultation process. MD reported that the areas earmarked for highest density are Gants Hill, King George site and South Woodford (Charlie Brown's). Nothing identified for Wanstead. The volume of housing to be linked to community facilities. Proposed changes regarding the building of flats, the policy is against changing houses into flats. Make up of shops in high streets need to be tailored to individual high streets. Parking proposal maximum and minimum. Achieving design quality to take into account surrounding buildings. Green Belt land assessment – current Green Belt to be reclassified but will have the same levels of protection. School playing fields to be redesignated this will make it easier for schools to expand. Small parcels of isolated land can be redesignated. HZ noted that there are no fundamental problems and will draft a response.

**7. Redbridge Recreation/Buttercup/Daisy Field**

- (a) HZ reported that she had received a call regarding the fence round the Nutter Field which had been damaged by a car. It was decided to write to Redbridge Council on the matter (RB).
- (b) HZ reported that a dog walker was not keen on the idea of seats on the Nutter Field. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that as this is a community field and seats were requested by residents, it was a good idea to have seats.
- (c) HZ will contact Jane Leighton for an update on the Nutter Field.

**8. Any Other Business**

- (a) Yellow lines – it was decided to write to Redbridge to say that as it was now settled that only the original double yellow lines would be installed, when will this work be carried out? Copy to be sent to Alex Wilson. (HZ)
- (b) Snaresbrook Pond – HZ reported that flood defence works will be carried out on Eagle Pond commencing in February.
- (c) Neighbourhood Development Plans – HZ gave details of the Neighbourhood Development Plans.
- (d) Ownership of the Bottom on Nutter Lane – HZ reported that the matter was ongoing.

- (e) Pay and Display in Wanstead High Street – JB reported that proposals to install Pay and Display parking in Wanstead High Street have been reintroduced. It was noted that in the Cabinet papers of 8 February 2013 it stated *'If these schemes are to be implemented Cabinet (rather than as current, Area Committees) must take the decision to implant and agree scheme designs'*.
- (f) WASRA newsletter – HZ handed out a draft letter giving details on who will be running the local NHS, the public part in the new organisation and local hospitals.

**9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

**Monday 11 March 2013 at 8.00pm. To be held in 9 Gloucester Road unless alternative offer received.**