

**MINUTES OF THE CRA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2013 IN 9 GLOUCESTER ROAD**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Mark Bentley and Gill Bramham.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2013 were agreed with the following amendment:

Item 4 Membership Report – *The final membership for 2012-2013 was a total of 95 households out of the 339 in the CRA area, amounting to 28% (figures include the 24 new dwellings on 'High Cedars'. To date 18 renewals had been received for the new membership year.*

3. Treasurer's Report

Report from the treasurer: £340 in subscriptions has been received.

4. Membership Report

Report from the membership secretary: there are 59 members for the current year (including 2 from High Cedars).

5. Planning Issues Raised by 19 Hereford Road Planning Application

- (a) 19 Hereford Road – MD noted that the planning application raised the issue of when does the three week period of notification start especially for full applications. Is it when the application is received, on the weekly list or the site notice? Clarification required from Redbridge (HZ). It was noted that the removal of the chimney is not on the new planning application for 19 Hereford Road.
- (b) Roof lights – MD will write to Redbridge suggesting that in conservation areas, under permitted development, conservation roof lights are preferred.
- (c) Solar panels – MD reported that some years ago planning permission was required when solar panels were positioned on the front of the roof. Now approval is required when installed on a wall but not required when on the roof.

6. Discussion of Wanstead Society request that, through WASRA, one or two people become Trustees of a Trust they are forming to raise money to buy the Evergreen Field

- (a) HZ reported that the Wanstead Society is forming a trust to buy the Evergreen Field. The matter was discussed and it was decided not to put forward any names to become trustees. HZ will consult with Beryl Thornton on the matter.

- (b) MD reported that CAP objected to the planning application to erect a two metre high fence around the Evergreen Field on the grounds that it would be contravening the spirit of CR1 and the loss of vista. The black plastic at present round the site would be changed to brown wood. The present open aspect is preferable. 40 objections have been received online and therefore the application must go to West Regional Planning Committee at least. MD noted that a kerb dropdown was not part of the application.
- (c) Fringe meeting – HZ reported on a fringe meeting where the Evergreen Field was discussed. Councillor Sue Nolan and Councillor Chris Cummins were at the meeting. Councillor Nolan referred to the CR1 open space designation. It was noted that in the 1990s an appeal allowed building on the foot print of the previous houses (it was noted that the three or five year rule applies). It was also noted that the Council will not buy the land.
- (d) CAP – MD reported that confirmed permitted planning applications and WTCA (trees in conservation area) do not go to CAP. MD did not know whether WTPO (TPOs) go to CAP.

7. Renewing Road Signs on Leicester Road/Nutter Lane and Nutter Lane near the A12

MD suggested approaching Area 1 to request, when road signs are due for renewal, Wanstead Grove Conservation Area be included on the signs. MD will raise the matter at the next Area 1 meeting.

8. 14 Gloucester Road

HZ reported that, following discussions with the applicant and neighbours on the planning application submitted three months ago, a revised application has been submitted showing that the hip roof will be retained and other amendments have been made. It was noted that there are no objections from CAP.

9. 50 Buckingham Road

JB reported that a resident in Buckingham Road had been informed by the new owner/builder at 50 Buckingham Road that a dwelling was going to be built at the end of the garden and requested CRA to do something about it. HZ contacted the enforcement officer at Redbridge who visited the site and informed the owner/builder that planning permission was required to build on the site. It was noted that at present all is legal.

10. Any Other Business

- (a) Eton Manor Rugby Club – it was noted that Mark Bentley had received a response from the club on the matter of parking during events. Apologies were received from the club and comments were taken on board.
- (b) Yellow Lines – MD will raise the matter of the yellow lines on the corners of The Avenue/Leicester Road and Grove Park/Leicester Road at the Area 1 meeting on 30 September 2013.

- (c) English Heritage – HZ reported that English Heritage will change and be managed by a new charitable organisation starting in 2015.
- (d) Appeals – HZ reported that faster appeals, with increased transparency, will come into force on 1 October 2013.
- (e) Nutter Lane Recreation Field – matter to be raised at the Area 1 meeting on 30 September 2013 (MD).
- (f) Urban Villages – JB gave information on an article in the Evening Standard on 21 August which described Wanstead as an urban village 'a family area and has a really nice pace of life'.
- (g) Cold Calls – the issue of cold calling by charities was discussed at the CRA NHW meeting. It was decided to ask residents for details of charities 'cold calling' and to write to the charities requesting them not to employ cold callers.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7 November 2012 in 27 Gloucester Road