

MINUTES OF THE CRA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2015 AT 9 GLOUCESTER ROAD

Present:	Helen Zammett	Chairman	HZ
	Malcolm Dowers	Webmaster	MD
	Steve De'ath		SD
	Millicent Brown		MB

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Ron and Janet Berger, Naomi Passman and Gill Bramham. Sue Oldham has decided not to join the Committee due over commitment with other voluntary work.

2. Membership Report

7 members joined since the last CRA Committee meeting, with a total of 80 households 23.5% of the Counties Estate, with £25 in membership monies added.

3. Treasurer's Report

HZ reported that the current balance in the bank is £3,015.94. Also, that a fraudulent attempt to attach a weekly standing order drawing from our current account had been realised before any payment was paid and new measures introduced to add more safeguards.

Expenses for the WASRA meeting of 17 September 2015 – room hire, tee-shirts and local paper advert came to £208.22 – half paid for by the Wanstead and Woodford Society.

4. Report on the Wanstead Forum held on Wednesday 18 February

Approximately 50 residents stallholders from Healthwatch, CAB, Housing and Age concern. 10 Council personnel attended, including the Leader Cllr Athwal, Deputy Leader Wes Streeting, the Conservative Leader Cllr Canal and senior officer Simon Barry.

Surprising residents asked little that was specific to Wanstead eg no mention of the Wanstead Woodford corridor, although the use of brown land for housing throughout the Borough was. Other topics were a

playground for Aldersbrook, landlord registration and resident movements in and out of the Borough were covered.

5. Wanstead Playground Association

The email from their Secretary Nicola Jarratt was discussed and the work of the Association commended. The Committee decided to offer to put a paragraph in their next newsletter, put an A4 sized poster in the CRA noticeboard and to let the Carlton Terrace Residents' Association know about this.

6. Use of monies still unused in respect of the Nutter Lane Recreation Field

HZ reported that of the £5,000 Section 106 money given for work on the above field, £3,249 remained after the bench, trees and bulbs were planted. It was agreed that PCSO Alan Winston be contacted in September to see what the situation was regarding crime in the field. If no increase in crime were reported then another two benches would be requested in October 2015.

7. Use of CRA accumulated funds

The Committee agreed that only £1,000 be spent as the rest of the current account monies was a contingency fund.

HZ suggested that one or more Wanstead Grove Conservation Area street signs be provided for the area and that she would research this.

8. Wanstead Hospital

HZ reported that on 4 February Redbridge Council sent a letter requesting the SoS for Health to refer the RCCG plan to close 74 permanent intermediate care beds to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel. So far no response has been received.

9. The most suitable day for CRA Committee meetings

The Committee decided that Monday was the best evening.

10.AOB

12 Hereford Road. Ref: 0474/15 The CRA has written to object to the application due to the hip to gable alteration. MD also wrote and distributed a local newsletter on this.

2 Hereford Road Ref: WTPO/0020/15. The Committee decided not to oppose the work proposed for the tree on the site.

Redbridge Planning Department gave a presentation to the Conservation Advisory Panel about the housing options for the Borough, including the Wanstead and Woodford corridor.

11.Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

NHW – Monday 20 April 2015 at 7.30 pm

CRA - Monday 20 April at 8.30 pm

Venue tba.