

**THE COUNTIES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JULY 2015**

**Committee Members Present:**

Helen Zammett	Chairman	<b>HZ</b>
Janet Berger	Secretary	<b>JB</b>
Gill Bramham	Membership Secretary	<b>GB</b>
Millicent Brown		<b>MB</b>
Steve De'Ath		<b>SD</b>
Malcolm Dowers	Treasurer+Webmaster	<b>MD</b>
Naomi Passman		<b>NP</b>

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed residents and Geoff Horsnell of the Wanstead Society and introduced members of the Committee

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Ron Berger, Councillors Bain, Dunn and Merry.

**3. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2014 were agreed.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

MD presented the Treasurer's Report and added that due to the level of money in the CRA account, membership fees were suspended for 2015-6 but that donations were welcomed as if they continue, the money will cover routine running costs.

**5. Membership Secretary's Report**

GB presented the Report [attached] commenting this was the lowest level of membership since the CRA was formed.

## **6. Election of Committee Members**

As per the terms of the Constitution, Mark Bentley had resigned as Treasurer and it was agreed that MD be the new Treasurer.

## **7. Report on Last Year's Activities**

HZ reported the following:

Wanstead Hospital – the battle continued to stop the closure but time was running out before the Hospital is due to close in September and the Redbridge Health Scrutiny Committee had done a U turn and no longer opposed the closure.

She explained that this would create even greater shortage of hospital beds, leading to bed blocking and even longer waiting times for A+E admissions at our local hospitals.

New home building in Redbridge – the London Plan allocated 1,123 new homes to be built in Redbridge each year, for 15 years, totaling 16,845. Following a public consultation on four options for land to be developed, the most likely would be the Oakfield Playing Fields in Fairlop. Cllr Neil Zammett said that Redbridge had 4,000 extra inhabitants every year, with inner London housing costs pushing residents into the outer boroughs. The Oakfield site will provide 30-40% of the requirement.

City Airport's expansion plan – Boris Johnson has vetoed the Airport from purchasing land from Newham, saying that the extra flights this would provide would lead to an unacceptable level of noise for east Londoners. The Airport is expected to appeal.

Crime in Wanstead – A comparison of the number of crimes and the crime rates in Wanstead Ward and Snaresbrook Ward between August 2013, the last month when the Wanstead Police Station was open, and May 2015 showed that there has been little change since the Station closed. These wards are among the lowest crime areas in Redbridge.

Night tubes in London – Starting on September 12 2015 there will be all night service on five tube lines, including the Central Line which will run from Ealing Broadway in the west to Hainault and Loughton in the east.

## **8. Questions from Residents**

Can more litter bins be provided in the Buttercup Field/Redbridge Recreation Ground? CRA to enquire.

Can street cleaning be asked to collect litter left by the bin men? Cllr Zammett explained that due to different operators being used and the different frequency of each service, it was not possible to co-ordinate this. However, he would follow up on getting the bin men to avoid leaving rubbish on the street.

Can the Eton Manor Rugby Club provide parking marshals to control car parking to avoid dangerous situation on the bottom of Nutter Lane and Buckingham Road? The residents who asked were asked to let the Chair know the dates on which this occurred so that if it were more than 2 or 3 times a year, they could approach the Rugby Club.

Can there be street lighting along and road leading to the Eton Manor Rugby Club? To date, no-one at the Council has been found who knows who owns that piece of land. It is unlikely that extra lighting will be provided but the CRA will ask that it be installed.

Why is there a camera on Nutter Lane? This was installed after fly tipping left builders refuse over the road. Due to the camera, the Council hopes to get a prosecution.

The Evergreen Field – Geoff Horsnell said that this had the highest level of local protection from development – CR1. The owner was requesting another meeting with the Wanstead Society, which they agreed to on condition that the grass be cut. This having been done, the meeting will take place on 11 July.

## **9. Close**

HZ thanked residents for coming to the AGM and for their support.



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NOTES FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

AT THE CRA AGM

TUESDAY 7 JULY 2015

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to our tenth AGM – I would also like to welcome Geoff Horsnell of the Wanstead Society and Beryl Thornton of the Carlton Terrace Residents' Association. We three societies form the Wanstead and Snaresbrook Residents' Alliance, which works on issues like health and policing which affect all the residents of Wanstead.

Our Committee members are Malcolm Dowers Treasurer and Webmaster, Janet Berger Secretary, Ron Berger Trees and NHW, Gill Braham Membership Secretary, Steve De'ath Naomi Passman and myself, Helen Zammatt as Chair.

We would also like to welcome Millicent Brown, who has recently joined our Committee.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Councillors Sheila Bain, Paul Merry and Michelle Dunn all have meetings in the town hall this evening and so are unable to join us, unless their meetings finish early.

## 3. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

You will find copies on each table – does anyone have any comments on these?

## 4. Treasurer's Report



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I now call on Malcolm to speak on this.

## 5. Membership Report

I now call on Gill to speak on this.

## 6. Election of Committee Members

Mark has resigned from the Committee and is replaced by Malcolm which fulfills our obligation for this year.

As you know, we would welcome any other Counties residents to join our Committee, especially from Rutland, Nutter, Reydon and Preston Drive.

## 7. Report on last year's CRA activities

### **Wanstead Hospital**

The battle over the Heronwood and Galleon wards has raged on over the last twelve months. John Cryer our MP and all of our Wanstead and Snaresbrook Councillors have opposed the closure but for some reason the Health Scrutiny Committee did a U turn in May and is now supporting the closure, which is due to take place in September.

Although things do not look too good, we are not giving up. A definite location of where the new intermediate care beds are to be has not yet been guaranteed and as far as we know, there are no plans for the layout of this new facility. In view of the chronic bed shortages in all our local hospitals, it is difficult to see how 3 wards can be made



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available at King George Hospital. Also NHS England has stipulated that the standard of the new facility must match that of Wanstead Hospital, which will be difficult to achieve at King George. We will continue to monitor and challenge as well as visiting the location where these beds would be.

## **Redbridge's Plan to provide 1,123 homes a year for the next 15 years.**

This is part of the London Plan, which sets out in planning terms how the capital will be able to manage its unprecedented population growth until 2036, by which time the population will be home to more than 10 million people. Currently the figure is more than 8.6 million.

To accommodate these people, the Mayor's London Plan is to build 42,000 new homes each year. Redbridge's requirement is to provide 1,123 homes each year for the next 15 years, totaling 16,845 homes.

Last year Redbridge council put forward 4 options in its Local Plan, on which to consult with residents:

1. The Oakfield Playing Fields in Fairlop
2. Land around Goodmayes and King Georges Hospitals plus the Ford Sports Ground in Seven Kings
3. Create a growth corridor along Woodford, South Woodford and Wanstead
4. Develop on Green Belt.

At present the Oakfield Playing Fields are thought to be the most likely. It looks as if the Wanstead and Woodford corridor is not considered to be viable as the Council owns insufficient land of a good size there to provide a significant amount of housing.



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## City Airport's plan to more flights over Wanstead

Last year City Airport announced that it was planning to expand by purchasing more the land in Newham. The present land restricts the number of flights it can cater for, as it lacks plane storage. As the current number of flights is significantly lower than the Airport's allocation, it would mean more flights over Wanstead.

Newham agreed to sell the land but Boris Johnson vetoed this, saying that such expansion would lead to an unacceptable level of noise for east Londoners, which would be detrimental to their health and wellbeing.

London City Airport is expected to appeal.

## **Crime in Wanstead**

In May, Redbridge had a total of 1459 crimes with a crime rate of 5.23, which is similar to our neighbouring boroughs and mid-way in the crime table for all London boroughs. Wanstead ward had 48 crimes with a crime rate of 4, while Snaresbrook had 54 crimes with a crime rate of 4.55.

In August 2013, the last month when our police station was in use, there were 58 crimes in Wanstead ward with a crime rate of 5.02 and in Snaresbrook there were 44 crimes with a crime rate of 3.71 [which is unusually low]. Overall there has been little change in the amount of crime in both wards since the police station was closed. Also our wards are among the lowest in reported crime in the borough.

Our current police team consists of Sergeant David Lipyeat, PC Gary Robbins and PCSO Alan Winston, who are based in Woodford Police Station. There are also a number of police stationed there who are sent out to deal with particular trouble spots in the north of the borough.



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## **Transport for London's plan for night tubes in Wanstead**

This starts on 12 September. 5 tube lines will run overnight on Fridays and Saturdays, including the Central Line, which will go from both Hainault and Loughton in the east to Ealing Broadway in the west. A copy of the night tube map is on each table.

### 8. Questions from residents

I now throw open the floor for questions to be put to the Committee.

### 9. Close

It is now time to close the meeting. Thank you all for coming and giving us your support.



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## **Treasurer's Report - 7th July 2015 - AGM**

This is my first report as Treasurer having taken over from Mark Bentley at the end of March.

First of all I would like to extend our thanks to Mark for his work as Treasurer over the past five years. His endeavours left us with healthy finances and his efforts in the area of the Grassroots Grant a few years back were essential in funding the noticeboard we have on Leicester Road.

Our income for the 2014/15 year was approximately £500, with our expenditure approximately £460. Consequently, whilst we started the CRA financial year with just under £2.5k (£2491.67), we ended it with just over £2.5k (£2531.38).

The expenditure for 2014/15 breaks down to about:-

- 45% WaSRA meeting (half funded by the Wanstead Society)
- 25% website costs
- 25% printing costs
- 5% miscellaneous

The WaSRA meeting was a one off event and the printing costs lower than previous years due to the lack of contentious planning activity. This was partly due to the lack of development opportunities within the CRA patch and partly due to the protection Conservation Area status affords.

Anyway, as a result of this small, but not insignificant war chest, together with low running costs and generous donation funds from members, the Committee recently voted to suspend the mandatory membership fee for the 2015/16 membership year. We shall continue to accept voluntary donations which is hoped will cover our general running costs.

In the interests of increasing security and reducing administration, we've also implemented some other financial changes such as:-

- 1) Changing cheque signatory requirements to dual
- 2) Closing a redundant reserve account
- 3) Changing statement frequency
- 4) Cancel standing order membership fees (if any SO members are present, please see me at the end of the meeting, you'll be contacted shortly in any case).

To conclude it only remains to thank our members for their continued support.

Malcolm Dowers  
Treasurer  
7/7/2015

<b>£</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2013/14</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership income and donations	<b>£486.50</b>	<b>593.00</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£486.50</b>	<b>593.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing / website	<b>£201.34</b>	<b>520.23</b>
WaSRA Meeting	<b>£208.22</b>	
AGM costs	<b>£50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£459.56</b>	<b>570.23</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>£26.94</b>	<b>23.73</b>
<b>Balance carried down</b>	<b>2,504.44</b>	<b>2,481.67</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>£2,531.38</b>	<b>2,504.44</b>

## COUNTIES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY 2014- 2015

Road	Total Households*	2014-2015 Members Percent	
Buckingham	33	8	<b>24%</b>
Gloucester	28	9	<b>32%</b>
Hereford	39	13	<b>33%</b>
Leicester	43	7	<b>16%</b>
Nutter	46	4	<b>9%</b>
Preston	33	5	<b>15%</b>
Reydon	26	5	<b>19%</b>
Rutland	46	15	<b>33%</b>
Warwick	45	14	<b>31%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>24%</b>

### Membership Totals for Previous Years:

2006-2007	34%	(107 members)
2007-2008	29%	(92 members)
2008-2009	27%	(84 members)
2009-2010	29%	(91 members)
2010-2011	30%	(93 members)
2011-2012	29%	(92 members)
2012-2013	28%	(95 members)
2013-2014	28%	(95 members)

\* To note figures prior to 2012-13 predate the 24 new households on the "High Cedars" development