

MINUTES OF THE CRA MEETING
held at 43 Leicester Road
on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 8pm.

Present: Helen Zammett HZ Chair
 Gill Braham GB Membership Secretary
 Steve De'ath SD
 Malcolm Dowers MD
 Millicent Brown MB

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Ron and Janet Berger and Naomi Passman.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

We currently have £2,940.49 in the bank, which includes money which includes £150 which has come in from donations and membership fees in July and August. It also includes £65 which came in from standing orders and we are still dealing with the Nat West Bank on this. There has been some fraud on the account last year, which was stopped before money was withdrawn. MD will drop each of the five a letter to say the committee will waive fees for the next five years. They will also be asked if they would like a refund on the money paid. The statement will go MD in the future. Nat West have now done all asked of them. Second bank account closed.

Membership Report:

Has been at 44 households for the first two months - a slight fall of 12-13 per cent.

Planning applications update and 26, Elm Hall Gardens:

1. 26 Elm Hall Gardens is slightly off patch, but affects several houses on patch. Some members were dubious about whether we would have any success in fighting the plans, as the design is in keeping with others which have been passed in the area. However, it is higher than the house currently in place. There was a discussion about whether the proposed basement could affect nearby dwellings and whether Redbridge Council should be encouraged to introduce a policy on basements. HZ and MB agreed to deliver a mailshot to houses in the immediate vicinity which was done on Friday September 18.

2. 73 High Street, Joliffes' site yard. It was discussed that there had been a level of incompetence in the Planning Department, the owners having lost the first enquiry, which led to the second hearing of 18 August being adjourned on the day. Problems include the height of both blocks, design which is very high and not in keeping with the rest of the High Street, and the physical size of the block at the back relative to The Shrubberies. Still awaiting a decision of the following hearing which was on September 8th.

Any other business

Daisy Field - we discussed installing new benches (one ordinary bench, one picnic bench and some more trees) should there not have been an increase in crime. HZ to contact the council to see if there had been an increase in crime.

City Airport - Boris didn't allow them extra room and then got £525,000 to fund the opposition to expanding the airport, in an appeal obtained by the developers. There is a rumour that the owners may now want to sell it.

Parking - the council have begun an on-line public consultation on this. There is an opinion that they will want to introduce Pay & Display parking on the High Street.

Highlighting the existence of the CRA - it was thought we should carry on with around 5 meetings a year and plug the Tradesman's list. We will also ask for committee members from Rutland Road, Reydon Avenue and Preston Drive. There will be an Autumn newsletter early to mid-October.

HZ to update WASRA on the Wanstead Hospital situation.

People should be made aware that there is an evening and weekend GP surgery facility opening in South Woodford. Details will go in the next newsletter

Date and venue of next meeting: Thursday 12 November 8:00 pm at 35 Warwick Road