

MINUTES OF THE CRA MEETING

held at 35 Warwick Road
on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 8pm.

Present: Helen Zammett

Steve De'Ath

Malcolm Dowers

Naomi Passman

Janet Berger

Millicent Brown

Douglas Hamilton (guest)

Apologies: Apologies were received from Gill Bramham (Membership Secretary) and Ron Berger.

Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

We currently have £3,002.49 in the bank, which includes £62 from new membership fees for September and October.

We have brought in new members, income of which for the year totals £287.

Voluntary membership fees will allow us to continue to offer the free membership fees next year.

Membership Report:

There has been a fall in membership, despite the attraction of the valuable Tradesmen's' List.

The £5 membership fee has been waived again.

The Association is still trying to attract more interest from Reydon Avenue and Preston Drive.

Membership currently stands at 61 households, but many regulars are still to join for this year.

There was a brief discussion on membership conditions eg life membership, before the Committee decided to put membership on the next agenda.

Planning applications update

1. 26 Elm Hall Gardens the planning application for 2 semis was withdrawn on October 16th 2015.

2. A query was received by HZ involving Toolbox which has been putting items onto the pavement opposite the War Memorial. The Committee commented that other shops on the High Street have been doing a similar thing for some time and that it is believed that that part of the pavement belongs to the property.

3. HZ sent an email around regarding 56 Preston Drive. They applied for a granny annexe and gained permission, which was dependant on the granny living in it. The Committee decided to take this up. MD said it should go back to enforcement. HZ will contact the enforcement officer Mike Broad.

4. 48 Buckingham Road - a massive shed was built without planning permission. Enforcement went around and found four children in there. As only four children were in there, it would not be regarded as a planning issue (this only applies if 6 children were in there). The officer has been around twice since and is keeping an eye on it.

5. 50 Buckingham Road – it was noted that a substantially built structure has been construction behind the fence on the land at the premises and that utility pipes had previously been laid down there. In view of this, the Committee decided to refer this to enforcement.

Any other business:

- Malcolm Dowers went to local council meeting on Monday, which was the new Conservation Forum. Instead of discussing specific planning applications, it will create policies applicable to conservation areas, to create a SPD. It was stated that will have more authority than CAP had.
- The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was discussed and we heard the drafted Terms of Reference for the Conservation Forum. The Committee requests that the Terms be reworded from bi-annual to biennial. MD will email planning to suggest that more membership criteria be specified.
- The November Redbridge Council meeting will discuss this change in conservation provision.
- Van dumped in Buckingham Road – as it is MOTd and licenced there are no ground for the police removing it at present.

- Some members felt that losing CAP was a cost-saving exercise.
- Wanstead Hospital - the Health Scrutiny Committee had requested another referral to the Secretary of State. The plan is to shut Heronwood and Galleon on December 11th. HZ said that the NELFT are going to transfer the service to Grays Court in Dagenham and Japonica Ward in King George Hospital as a temporary measure. Helen speculated that the Wanstead Hospital land will be sold. The problem of intermediate care visitors reaching these new locations was noted.

Xmas dinner:

This will be at the Lane at 8pm on Tuesday December 1st 2015. We will meet at the Nightingale Pub earlier on.

Date and Venue of next meeting

At 8:00 pm on Thursday 14 January at 9 Gloucester Road [following the Counties NHW meeting there at 7:30 pm]