

MINUTES OF THE CRA MEETING
Held at 9 Gloucester Road
On Thursday 14 January 2016

Present: Millicent Brown MB
Gill Bramham GB
Steve De'ath SD
Malcolm Dowers MD
Helen Zammett HZ

Apologies for absence:

Janet Berger
Ron Berger
Naomi Passman

Minutes of the last meeting:

Agreed

Treasurer's Report:

MD reported an increase of £10.00 bringing the CRA bank balance at £3012.49. New income of £297 has come from donations.

Membership Report:

GB reported that 63 households were members, just over 19% of households in the CRA area, with two additional memberships in the recent months.

Future membership arrangements:

The Committee discussed the idea of having free perpetual membership. MD said that this would work as long as no more money was needed: also it would make membership administration easier. It was agreed that this change would be kept for the AGM and Gill offered to provide the wording for the pre-AGM newsletter.

The Recreation Field:

The Committee was in agreement with the siting of the second bench. However, Vision's suggestion of goal posts was not supported because:

- a) Two resident consultations gave a clear mandate for benches.
- b) Encouraging young people to play football in the field could lead to increase in anti-social behaviour which has been a previous concern.

Therefore the Committee voted to request that a picnic bench be provided on the Nutter Lane Recreation Field. HZ said that she would inform Vision.

Current Planning Applications:

HZ reported that she had asked Mark Broad, the Borough Enforcement Officer to investigate the situation at 48 and 50 Buckingham Road and 56 Preston Drive. The CRA has previously provided the necessary information for these sites.

In the case of 26 Elm Hall Gardens it was reported that the first application was withdrawn in November 2015 and a new application submitted in December 2015. A local newsletter informing residents of this was distributed by MB.

Eton Manor Mast. The CRA distributed a newsletter informing them of the proposed new mast to Preston Drive and the southern end of Buckingham Road. A CRA letter was sent to Redbridge Planning Department suggesting that a site further away from the houses on Preston Drive would be preferable.

AOB:

HZ reported that the Civil Aviation Authority has given permission for City Airport to have an increased number of flights and for them to be concentrated into narrower flight paths. HACAN is considering taking legal action against it. This would mean more flights over Wanstead and this would be included in the next newsletter.

HZ said that the Times has reported that house prices in Wanstead have had the highest rise in the last year – 20.06% with an average price of £547,051

The Committee decided that Monday 11 July would be a suitable date for the 2016 AGM.

The next CRA meeting would be Thursday 14 April and the pre-AGM meeting on Thursday 23 June.

In future Counties NHW business would be dealt with as an item in the CRA Agenda.

Date and venue of next meeting: Thursday 14 April 8:00 pm at 43 Leicester Road