

MINUTES OF THE CRA MEETING

Held at 43 Leicester Road

On Thursday 14 April 2016

Present: Janet Berger JB
Gill Bramham GB
Millicent Brown MB
Steve De'ath SD
Malcolm Dowers MD
Naomi Passman NP
Helen Zammett HZ

Apologies for absence:

Ron Berger

Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed

Treasurer's Report:

MD reported no change in the bank balance, which still stands at £3,022.49. No success in attracting any members from houses on the old Chepstow estate.

Membership report:

GB reported that one new member had joined taking the total membership up to 64 - consisting of 20 per cent of the households on the Counties Estate.

The committee expressed puzzlement that membership was still so low, despite the membership fee being waived. MB agreed to draft a form to be delivered to households to attract new members.

NHW issues:

HZ is still battling to replace the now defunct Ringmaster system. The elderly are particularly vulnerable as they do not receive emails or texts and need to be getting information in the local free press about ongoing scams.

The Chadwell ward regularly has three speed guns, something we would like in our wards. It was agreed that we would like leaflets from the Redbridge Bogus Caller Partnership delivered in our area.

We discussed the proposal to close the police station at Woodford Green and move the services to Barkingside, and the fact we never see PCSO Alan Winston in the area any more as he spends most of his time in Aldersbrook.

The committee agreed to post the post the crime figures (including what happened) on the noticeboard and to ask for more cold-calling signs as many of the original ones have disappeared.

Planning applications:

- **33 Hereford Road:** Concern was expressed about the proposed works which appear to involve a redesign from a house of the inter-war period to one of Edwardian

appearance. This is inconsistent with the block of four houses within which it sits, although it would match properties along the rest of Hereford Road. Proposed alterations include roof changes (including gable-ended pitched roof), and front windows and doors which are not in keeping with neighbouring properties. A vote was held as to whether the CRA should send a letter of objection or concern, and it was agreed that MD would draft a letter of concern over the plans.

- **26 Elm Hall Gardens:** Although slightly off the CRA patch, the demolition of the existing detached dwelling and replacement with two semi-detached houses was discussed. Plans were approved on March 31st 2016 and work commenced with removal of tiles on Monday April 11th 2016.
- **69 Nutter Lane:** Application has now been withdrawn.
- **Eton Manor floodlights:** Still under consideration.
- **48 Buckingham Road:** Council inspectors have been around to check whether more than six children are being looked after at the house during the day. At the time of the visit this limit was not exceeded. A lot of rubble is visible at the front of the house.
- **50 Buckingham Road:** Lots of work seems to be going on at the property and utility pipes are going down there. Council have said they are looking into it.
- **56 Preston Drive:** The granny annexe should have been demolished when the elderly lady died, but it wasn't. It was turned into an extra bedroom instead. The council has been looking into this and HZ said she would investigate further.

Redbridge Open Space Survey:

It was agreed that we should all individually complete the survey and encourage others to fill in the form also. The CRA will email members about the survey and post it on the notice board. HZ is finding out the end date for completion of the survey.

Wanstead and Woodford corridor and housing consultation:

The council must go to an independent body before the proposal is allowed to go ahead and so now a further consultation is happening.

AOB: SD raised the issue of a "Save our NHS" meeting being held at Wanstead Library on the evening of Friday 15th April 2016 the real aim of which appeared to be a puzzle. Meeting to include speakers, including John Cryer.

Date and venue of next meeting: Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 27 Hereford Road, to include finalising newsletter for AGM.

AGM: Tuesday 12th July 2016.