

MINUTES OF THE CRA MEETING

Held at 27 Hereford Road

On Monday 20 June 2016

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

Apologies for absence: Janet and Ron Berger

Minutes of last meeting: One change – The joining of an extra member took the new percentage of membership to 20 per cent, rather than the reported 19 per cent.

Treasurer's report: No change from the last meeting

Membership report: GB reported that another local resident had joined since the last meeting (Brian at 10, Gloucester Road).

NHW issues: HZ said that if members were interested to see the local crime figures then Malcolm can either send them the crime report directly or they can sign up with Alan Winston and be sent it on a weekly basis. If the latter is the case, then we should give them his email address.

HZ says she has ordered a further 350 stickers to stop cold calling. However, they are manufactured to stick on the outside of the door, rather than the inside. HZ will ask if it would be possible to have the NCCZ notices made to stick inside windows or doors.

MD informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Watch Twitter account is to be turned off as we don't receive any Twittering.

Planning applications:

- 33 Hereford Road: (2596/16). It was agreed that we could object online about the misleading application for a side dormer, as if it was allowed to go ahead it could set a precedent and objecting could prevent any further similar applications

- 10 Gloucester Road: (2593/16). Application has just gone in to build a 2-storey side extension, to involve the demolition of the garage, which will mean it will be completely replaced by a new building. A similar application has been accepted in the past. An objection was discussed on the grounds of the terracing effect and the effect on the street, but it was felt that this would not be evident, being next to the new build of 8a and so the overall vote went against any objection.
- 56 Preston Drive: (2220/16). The interior fittings of the granny annexe should have been demolished when the old lady died but this was not done. The owners have tried to sell the property with the annex being described as another bedroom in the sales literature. The major objection is that they got specific dispensation, and unless they have another elderly inhabitant, the permission no longer applies. It was agreed we object on the grounds it sets a dangerous precedent if granted. MD is writing a letter regarding this situation.
- Eton Manor floodlight column planning application has been refused.

Planning Enforcement:

- 50 Buckingham Road: Planning Enforcement are going to see it regarding the two garages. HZ to report currently.
- 9 Nutter Lane Planning Enforcement are going to look at the landscaping, which is puzzling as our concern has been the large brick built structure in the garden.

Local Development Plan: Not up for consultation yet, no action to take at the moment. HZ has the figures, there is no action to take at the moment.

Eton Manor letter: In response to a letter received around 10 June, HZ is going to respond to promote reciprocal support asking them to plug our association (and vice versa), encourage more use of coaches by away teams, encourage use of their car park (and tidy up their car park), inform us more of their events.

Next CRA Newsletter before AGM on Tuesday 12th July 2016:

1. CRA:
 - Blood tests at Wanstead Hospital: Ciaran Clarkin approached HZ to request a paragraph in the next newsletter encouraging residents to make sure they are aware of the problem which arises if they arrive at noon or later to get their bloods taken.

- Untidy front gardens and fly tipping: Residents should contact Civic Pride. A skip outside 9 Nutter Lane, has been reported to Civic Pride at the Council but so far has not been removed.
- Warning not to park on bus stop: the newsletter should include a warning to residents that a camera is focused on the bus stop near the pharmacy so that they should beware of stopping there even for a minute. The fine is £120 reduced to £60 for early payment.
- New government website for finding a planning professional: Has now been set up. Decided to ignore this as it is undercutting our own tradesmen list.
- Reminder of tradesmen list and request for new entries: Always a good idea and we should advise people it exists. Should advertise for newer entries and stress it is free and perpetual until further notice.

2. **NHW**

- How to see if you've been hacked: Need to hand out copies of computer takeover scam in information pack at the AGM.
- How to deal with cold calling tradesmen: Cold calling stickers have been sent with sticky side the wrong way round. Having stickers to be used inside doors/windows is being suggested.
- How to report suspicious activity: Piece in Evening Standard advising people to call Anti-Terrorist hotline on 0800 789321.
- How to stop obstructions on the road: details of how to contact Civic Pride to be given.
- What is the role of PCSOs? It was agreed to remove this item.
- Burglary information: HZ to contact PC Alan Winston to ask for a useful information sheet on NHW issues. There is a question mark over the cost and the expiry date of Smart Water products meaning it is too unclear to include this in the newsletter.

Any Other Business:

- MB's flyer to attract new members. Once finalised, MB has agreed to distribute to most roads.
- Warwick Road being closed on Saturday 9 July, so residents should be aware there may be more cars parked locally.

Date and venue of next meeting: Monday 5th September 2016, at 8pm at 38 Buckingham Road.

AGM: Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 7:30 pm