

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HANGER HILL (EAST) RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2016
7.45PM CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

MINUTES

Approximately 40 people were in attendance, which included Councillor Nigel Sumner. Apologies received from Anthony Lewis.

1. Chairman's Report:

Overall I am very glad to report positive progress in many areas. At last there seems to be movement on the Park Royal Hotel planning application. We have achieved an alleviation to the rat running and congestion problems on Connell Crescent, better lit streets, a new house at 20 Chatsworth Rd, as well as progress on reducing the eyesores of 6 Ashbourne and 89 Corringway.

On the Park Royal hotel, after many delays the owners, Atlas hotels, have now taken possession of the site and have introduced new security measures to prevent a repetition of the squatting of travellers in the car park which took place earlier this year. Work is expected to start on the hotel development in September of this year. Although the development is not without controversy, we have at least ensured that it is reasonably in keeping with the conservation area and coach parking around Hanger Green has been avoided. Since it is meant to be a four-star business led hotel (Hampton by Hilton brand) it is not expected to give rise to the sort of problems which the Premier inn at Hanger Lane has created with coach traffic.

After 5 to 6 successful play streets last year, the "Play Street" in Boileau Road returns this year and is first planned for 22 May, then 12 June and then the intention being one on the third Sunday of each month in Jul/Aug/Sept. Angela Martin the organiser mentioned that her feeling is that most drivers and neighbours from other streets were very supportive and she would like to thank those people.

There were 3 burglaries in the first 3 months of this year on our estate, one in each month. Two of those were to empty properties, in one nothing was taken and the other workmen's tools. The third was a break-in and entry whilst the owners were in bed at 3am. Cash and other personal effects were taken. The third crime is believed to be a one off as it is very rare in this area for burglars to strike in the middle of the night when the owners are present. There are people camping in the woods. The police are trying to get them moved on but it is the responsibility of the Council and the police are having trouble getting the Council to do anything. Police priorities are speeding, crime prevention and illegal

parking around schools. The Sergeant, Helene Holloway is retiring in July and she has already been replaced.

A major achievement was the introduction of a restriction on westbound traffic along Connell Crescent weekday afternoons from 3-7 PM. Whilst the rat running has largely disappeared as a consequence, some of the residents of Connell Crescent have concerns over the hours of operation. Overall, our impression is that the measure has been generally welcomed by local residents. No doubt we'll hear more about this under Estate Matters.

There is still an issue for some of the residents of Boileau Road experiencing heavy skip lorries driving too fast on the road. There was talk about a possible width restriction last year but at the time there was deemed to be no budget for this. If it is still a major issue, we can re-visit and see what might be done whilst we can give no promises that money can be found.

Finally, I'd like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Simon Reed, who served as chairman for six years. He did a tremendous amount of work during that time and we quite understand that given his other work commitments the time had come to pass the baton on. I was very honoured to take over his role in the last year but due to personal changes and work commitments, I will be unable to continue in this role. I am happy to serve on the committee, if re-elected, as long as I can, but will not be putting myself forward for the chair. I would like to thank the existing committee members for their support. Margaret, our Vice Chair, glad you are better and here tonight, Valerie for your tremendous skills in organising everything, Dr Gurd for your continued input and advice in all areas including the newsletter and website, Anthony for his help with the newsletter as always, Sally Clarkson our new Treasurer and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, to whom I will pass you over to later and all of the committee members for their continued help, support and input. I am confident the new Chair will receive the same level of support as I have enjoyed.

2. Estate Matters:

Chatsworth Road:

A resident reported that a white van is parked outside his house for long periods. Nigel Sumner said that the vehicle has a CPZ permit and road tax and therefore is entitled to park in the area. A resident from Connell Crescent said that he is unable to park outside his property and therefore parks in East Close. It is believed that people from the nearby office block are being issued with parking permits.

Ashbourne Road/The Ridings, Hanger Lane End:

Parking appears to have increased and as permits are no longer on display, it is difficult to know whether or not vehicles are genuinely parked. Businesses pay £800 per year to park. Councillor Sumner will obtain a report on the number of business permits issued.

Hanger Hill Woods:

Councillor Sumner reported that people have been camping in the woods for years. When brought to the Council's attention they try to place the people indoors.

Wheelie Bins:

Wheelie bins will come into effect in June 2016. Many people living in conservation areas are concerned that their appearance will be spoilt by bins being left in front gardens. There is also a security risk. Therefore, residents are asked to keep bins at the back of property, as far away from property as possible.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The year ended with an excess of receipts over payments of £353.50 compared to £133.50 the previous year. This is due to Haart Estate Agents producing the newsletters free of charge.

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Colin Easton has signified his willingness to continue auditing the accounts. Thanks were extended to him.

Proposed: Raj Thukrel
Seconded: Simon Reed

5. Election of 2016/2017 Committee:

According to the Constitution, the committee shall consist of a maximum of 11 members and 12 residents had signified their willingness to stand for election. As per the Constitution, the Chairman considered it unnecessary for the election to be determined by a paper ballot and the following were elected.

CLARKSON, Sally, Ashbourne Road
GILES, Valerie Marryatt Court, Green Vale
GURD, Robert Beaufort Road
HOPKINS, Elisabeth Beaufort Close
JERJES, Khalid Chatsworth Road
LEWIS, Anthony, Boileau Road
MAINI, Gurpreet, Corringway
MARTIN, Margaret Gilbert Court, Green Vale
PLUMB, Jackie, Connell Crescent
REED, Simon Beaufort Road
THUKRAL, Raj, Corringway
UPPAL, Inder, Beaufort Road

6. Presentation:

The Safer Neighbourhood Team was unable to attend and therefore there was no presentation.

7. **Any Other Business:**

Suggested Council should make an annual charge for dropped kerbs, say £200 per annum. Some houses do not have dropped kerbs and residents' park in front gardens. Councillor Sumner pointed out that this is illegal and there are approximately 20,000 vehicles illegally parked in the borough.

The Ridings – Sewage Problem:

Thames Water sorted the problem, which had been caused by baby wipes. An item will be put in the newsletter asking residents not to flush baby wipes down the toilet.

Paving Stones:

The majority of paving stones in the area are dangerous. The Residents' Association brought this to the attention of the Council a year ago and was told that funds are not available to rectify the problem. TfL have done Ashbourne and Ritz Parade. Part of Corringway and Rotherwick Hill to Heathcroft to be dealt with this year.

Connell Crescent:

The restricted entry between the hours of 3 & 7 has been welcomed and has brought some de-stressing to residents.

Robert Gurd proposed a Vote of Thanks to Gurpreet for his service as Chairman for the past year.