

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HANGER HILL (EAST) RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2015**  
**7.45PM CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

**MINUTES**

Approximately 40 people were in attendance. Apologies received from:  
Councillors Nigel Sumner, Greg Stafford, Joy Morrissey  
Anthony Lewis, Nicky Shelley (committee members).

Simon Reed welcomed PC Rene Biro and PCSO Ikram Syed of the Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team.

**1. Chairman's Report:**

I am pleased to be able to begin this report by announcing progress on a long-standing issue which should result in significant improvement in a situation troubling some two hundred homes on the estate. Last year I reported on the follow-up to the traffic survey in Connell Crescent. In liaison with Cllr Nigel Sumner your Association surveyed residents of that street resulting in overwhelming support for an afternoon and early evening restriction on westbound traffic. Although it has taken a long time to move to the next stage, this survey encouraged the Council to undertake an official consultation which confirmed our findings. We now await the implementation of the restriction which should cause a major reduction in the rat-running and congestion there.

Sadly we have been unable to make similar progress with regard to Boileau Road because whilst the same report suggested that a width restriction might be appropriate there, reductions in Council funding mean that there is no money available for this even if a consultation found in favour of the idea. More recently a group of Boileau Road residents have applied to for a once a month closure of part of the street for several hours on a Sunday afternoon to create a "Play Street" for families and children. Your Association has been discussing with their co-ordinator the implications of this for traffic flow elsewhere on the Hanger Hill and Tudor Estates, an issue on which the Council had made no provision for consultation or even notifying anyone else of the proposed scheme.

Another area of consultation which has brought a decisive outcome is over concerns about crime and domestic security. Several years ago the very unusual occurrence of a burglary involving personal threat raised a high level of anxiety. Your Association held a special meeting to discuss this at which the idea of hiring private security patrols was suggested. Over the past year members of your Committee have thoroughly researched this after a presentation from one such operator at last year's AGM. Towards the end of last year we were able to hold an estate wide consultation offering householders several priced options. To be

viable the scheme would have required several hundred households to opt in. In the event we received only twenty-nine positive responses, so it is clear that there is no great desire to pursue this idea further. It is also reassuring to be informed that over the past year crime levels themselves have been lower than usual.

There is little further to report on the Park Royal Hotel development which received planning permission at the end of 2012. Since then the developers have been in slow negotiations with a hotel chain which has required them to modify the design in order to fit with brand requirements, but one positive outcome of this is that the target market is likely to be business users who will not arrive by coach, easing traffic and parking concerns. Your Association has however maintained pressure on the owners not to misuse the site and a number of illegal businesses have been removed along with a large amount of the builders rubbish in the car park.

Your Committee has also been active on your behalf on two other issues. We have lodged objections to a so-called "Gentleman's Club" in Park Royal. After a long hearing the application was rejected but unfortunately due to a technicality the applicant is now appealing, but we will continue to object as we do not believe such an establishment is desirable or indeed permitted so near to a residential area. It was also brought to our attention that in a revenue raising exercise, the Council might consider selling parking permits which would allow non-residents to use our restricted parking bays, and objections were raised. To be the best of our current knowledge the threat is minimal.

The purpose of this Association is to represent the concerns of local residents for the good of all who live here and I hope that in the last year we have done our best to do that. As ever I would like to thank all the members of your Committee for their hard work, especially Margaret Martyn as Vice Chair, Valerie Giles as Secretary, Moira Black, our honorary Treasurer, and Anthony Lewis and Inder Uppal who have taken on responsibilities for the newsletter.

I would like to finish on a personal note. Having been Chair of your Association for six years I find that increasing work commitments are making it difficult for me to continue to give the Association the time and energy it requires. I am therefore happy to serve on the new Committee if I am re-elected but I will not be available for nomination as Chair should anyone wish me to continue in that role. I would like to thank you all for your support and goodwill as we have worked together for the good of our neighbourhood, and I trust that your next Chair will enjoy the same support.

## **2. Estate Matters:**

### Proposed Play Street, Boileau Road:

Margaret Martin, Gilbert Court, expressed concern, as residents have not been consulted regarding this proposal.

Sarah Mitchell, resident Boileau Road, spoke on behalf of the proposal. The play street idea is for a group of residents in a street to get together with

neighbours and put in an application to have a street temporarily closed once a month, the Council then issues a Traffic Order. Sarah and her neighbours received a clear message that this is something people wanted to do. The first time Councillors knew about this proposal was when the Traffic Order was published. Simon Reed had heard about the proposal due to someone who attends the Toddler Group at the Church telling him about it. A play street would enable people in the community to get together, meet their neighbours and for the children to play in safety.

The following questions were asked:

Q: Which point of the road would be closed?

A: Beyond Golf Road and Hanger Vale Lane

Q: Any advance warning?

A: Posters will be displayed and also advertised at the Church of the Ascension Spring Festival.

Q: Parking

A: Residents parked on the street would be able to get out and back again

Q: Could Hanger Vale Lane be considered?

A: This would not bring a sense of community to the whole street and there is a lot of dog fouling in this area.

Q: How many children would be involved?

A: 46 children have signed up to come to the play street and it is hoped to involve teenagers.

Q: Cannot move all cars out of the road for the afternoon, therefore is provision being made re damage to cars, query insurance.

A: Would not wish to insure as an event. People could park in Hanger Vale Lane.

Q: What about ball games?

A: Ball games would be avoided children would ride bikes and scooters, use skipping ropes and playground chalk.

Q: Why can't the local parks be used?

A: It's a 20 minute walk from where I live to a park/recreation ground.

Simon Reed said that it is not known how and if the proposal will work until it is tried and if there are problems we will hear about them.

#### Upgrading of Street Lighting:

Graham Fowler, Corringway, asked if some lighting would continue to be directed towards houses. Robert Gurd reported that the new street lighting is likely to throw less light than current street lighting. The upgraded lighting can be seen in other parts of the borough. If residents are unhappy, he is sure the Council would be prepared to make changes.

Corringway:

Horace Winter commented on:

The high ugly fencing at two houses in Beaufort Road. The Chairman reported that high fencing is often purely for security and safety reasons and if it still remains in 3-6 months time to let the Residents' Association know. At the moment it is very difficult to get any enforcement action due to the cuts. The Residents' Association has been trying for some time to get action regarding three properties on the estate, which appear to have been abandoned.

Potholes in Corringway, which have been partly repaired. Suggested that he contact the Council either by telephone or website and to also inform the Councillors. Roads are resurfaced on a rota basis.

Difficulty getting out of Corringway on to the A40 Western Avenue. The A40 comes under TfL and is out of the Residents' Association's jurisdiction.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis so reflect cash actually received or payments actually made in the year. The year was ended with an excess of receipts over payments of £133 as compared with £40 in the previous year. The only notable difference between the two years was that in 2014 we only had to pay for the printing of 1 newsletter compared with two in 2013: in 2014 the printing of the second newsletter was sponsored by Haart, Estate Agents.

**4. Appointment of Independent Examiner:**

Colin Easton has signified his willingness to audit the accounts.

Proposed: Margaret Martin

Seconded: Robert Gurd

**5. Election of 2015/16 Committee:**

Under the terms of the Constitution, the committee should consist of a maximum of eleven members. Twelve residents had signified their willingness to stand for election. Therefore, a ballot was held and two tellers nominated, Janet Young and Manjeev Arora. The following were elected:

- 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

The Chairman thanked Margaret Noble, Nikki Shelley and Sanjay Chadha for having served as committee members.

**6. Presentation by PC Rene Biro and PCSO Ikram Syed of the Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team:**

PC Biro reported that the team had been reduced to 1 Sergeant, 1 Police Constable and 1 Police Community Support Officer. They have a large area to cover, dealing with every crime, including contacting the victims. PC Biro agreed that the officers are not seen enough on the streets but assured the audience that 8-10 hours per day are on foot patrol. Over the last few months the issue, which has affected residents most is street drinkers. People have been coming from other areas to meet and drink. A couple of ASBOs have been issued, one person sent back to Poland who will not be allowed back into the country for two years. They drinkers tend to be male aged 25-30 years. The officers confiscate drink.

The officers' main priorities are street drinking, speeding and parking. Parking on a yellow line in the vicinity of a school is allowed for 5-10 minutes, although cannot be enforced. The officers monitor the speed of cars by using a speed gun and have stopped a couple of drivers. Last month one driver went the wrong way around a roundabout in Corringway. A ticket was issued and the car seized.

Each victim of a burglary is contacted by the team and offered free advice about making their home more secure. Recently there have been 4 attempted burglaries and one burglary, most of which occur during the daytime via rear of properties.

A big issue is cars being broken into due to valuables being left on view. If a car is stolen often the number plate is removed and replaced with a fake. It is possible to obtain non-tamper proof number plates.

There are fraudsters, often contacting the elderly, stating to be from the police and requesting personal details. The police would never telephone asking for this information. There is also doorstep fraud e.g. someone will call at the door saying that a roof tile is missing. When requiring building work/window cleaning, etc the officers advised residents to go on recommendation, never tell a workman that you are going to be away and leave a time switch on.

A resident expressed concern regarding parking in Boileau Road. It was suggested that she should contact the Council.

The officers stated that scaffolding at a property provides easy access for burglars and they are hoping to liaise with the Neighbourhood Watch in this regard.

The Chairman thanked the Police Officers for attending the meeting and giving a report on the area.

**7. A.O.B.**

The Chairman informed the meeting of:

A monthly club for retired people, which meets in the Church Hall.  
Everyone is welcome.

A Parent and Toddler Group and if anyone knows anybody with young children to please bring them along.

The Church of the Ascension Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Robert Gurd proposed a vote of thanks to Simon Reed for his service as Chairman for the past 6 years.