

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HANGER HILL (EAST) RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL 2014
7.45PM CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

MINUTES

Approximately 40 people were in attendance, including Councillors Diana Pagan and Nigel Sumner.

Simon Reed welcomed residents to the Church of the Ascension.

Apologies received from Andrew Bainbridge, Sanjay Chadha, Peter Ttoui.

1. Chairman's Report:

It has been a quieter year for the Association after the dramas of last year over the plans for the Park Royal Hotel, but your Committee has been active in a number of ways for the good of the estate.

With regard to Park Royal we understand that the intended hotel chain has pulled out of the development and that currently there are no further plans for building on the site. Unfortunately the owners have opted to use the property for the storage of materials for a decorating business. After strong pressure from your Committee and from local Councillors, enforcement action was taken to remove the various illegal car businesses which were operating from the car park, and we are currently bringing similar pressure to bear for the removal of the unsightly builders' rubbish now gathering there.

A much more positive development concerns the traffic problems of the estate which your Committee has been discussing for a number of years. In June 2013 the traffic survey of Boileau Road and Connell Crescent, which we flagged up last year, took place. The results revealed that whilst local anxieties about speeding were somewhat exaggerated, those regarding the volume of traffic and the number of heavy vehicles were justified. The report recommended a width restriction at the north end of Boileau Road but did not make any similar recommendation for Connell Crescent. For the first time it seemed that a specific and achievable solution was being offered for our traffic problems, but this optimism proved premature as we have been informed that currently there is no funding available for such a project. There has however been much more positive progress regarding Connell Crescent which, as residents know, often suffers end to end traffic queues on weekday afternoons. In liaison with Councillor Nigel Sumner, your Committee organised a survey of residents to canvas views on the implementation of an afternoon traffic flow restriction on westbound traffic. A high level of response gave overwhelming support to this

proposal, paving the way for the Council to do a formal consultation which, if the result is repeated, will lead to action. We are also, again with Councillor Sumner, pressing for enforcement against coaches from the Premier Inn which park illegally and damage pavements and fixtures.

For several years concerns about crime, especially domestic burglary, have been raised at these meetings. With the help of former HHERA Secretary Graham Fowler, your Committee has researched private security patrols, leading to the presentation and discussion which will take place later in tonight's meeting.

Other matters which have occupied your Committee have included liaising with the new Primary School in Vale Lane over traffic and noise issues, ensuring that the new footpaths along Hanger Lane are kept clear of litter and dumping, and, somewhat comically, discouraging the deeply unpleasant practice of leaving canine excrement in plastic bags where the bin used to be at the top of Boileau Road! I am glad to say this now seems a less regular occurrence.

I conclude, as I did last year, by reminding you that your Association does not have a formal subscription and apart from a few newsletter advertisements relies on your donations to function, so please give generously later in the meeting. Finally, as usual, let me express my thanks to the other members of your Committee for all their hard work last year, without which the effective running of this Association would be impossible: to Margaret Martin as Vice Chair, Valerie Giles as Secretary, Moira Black, our honorary Treasurer, and also to Serena Gossain who produces our Newsletter. Hanger Hill is a good place to live, so let's go on working together to keep it that way.

2. Estate Matters:

Audley Road:

Resident concerned as skip hired by neighbour being filled with rubbish by others. Resident advised to contact Customer Services, Ealing Borough Council in the first instance and if not satisfied with the response bring to the attention of Councillors.

Pathway, Hanger Lane:

Noticed that bins are frequently overflowing. This is the responsibility of the Parks department. Resident advised to email Councillor Sumner.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis and reflect the cost of 2 newsletters and income from 7 advertisements in those newsletters. A payment was made for the website this year for the first time - in previous years the webmaster had borne the cost personally but the cost was now increasing and he felt it appropriate to charge HHERA. The newsletter advertisements do not quite cover the cost of the newsletters so any more would be appreciated.

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

John Gwynne, who has been the auditor for some years, is likely to be leaving the area within the next year. Therefore, a replacement auditor needs to be sought. Margaret Martin said that she would approach Colin Easton who is the Treasurer for Ealing National Trust Association.

Proposed: Moira Black

Seconded: Margaret Martin

5. Election of 2014/2015 Committee:

After some discussion it was proposed that the 2014/2015 committee should consist of all 14 nominees.

Proposed: Michael Galt

Seconded: Khalid Jerjes

25 residents in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

CHADHA, Sanjay, Corringway
GILES, Valerie Ashbourne Road,
GURD, Robert Beaufort Road
JERJES, Khalid Chatsworth Road
LEWIS, Anthony, Boileau Road
MAINI, GURPREET, Corringway
MARTIN, Margaret Gilbert Court, Hanger Vale Lane
NOBLE, Margaret Boileau Road
PLUMB, Jackie, Connell Crescent
REED, Simon Beaufort Road
SHELLEY, Nicky East Close
THUKRAL, Raj, Corringway
TTOULI PETER, Corringway
UPPAL, Inder, Beaufort Road

6. Presentation by Garde UK, neighbourhood security patrol:

Residents' main concern is burglary. A few residents had expressed an interest in CCTV but a number of people did not like the idea. The other idea was to look into private security patrols, to work in liaison with the local police team. Graham Fowler, former HHERA secretary, had presented a report to the committee who thought the best way forward would be to invite two companies to make a presentation to the AGM. The companies were Garde UK and London Community Services. However, the person at LCS who had been dealing with the matter had now left the company and had not left any details. Therefore, the company was not represented. Simon introduced Tom and Spencer from Garde UK.

They have 25 years experience, in the security and surveillance industry covering a varied client base. They could patrol for 12 or 24 hours with

all personnel wearing a distinctive uniform and body cameras. They work with the police and local authorities. Their presence is known to deter crime. RCIB gives discounted insurance to residents registered with Garde UK. The matter will be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

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

A resident enquired about the Hanger Vale Lane school. Simon informed him that the school is opening a year at a time with reception and year one in. The limit number of pupils is 450 plus staff.

The Spring Festival will take place at the Church of the Ascension on Saturday May 17th to which everyone is welcome.

VG May 2014