



Highams Residents' Association

Founded in 1955 for the residents of The Highams Estate

56th Annual General Meeting - 7th April 2011

Notice is hereby given that the...

Fifty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2011 at 8pm in the Pavilion of Woodford Rugby Club, High Road, Woodford Green (pedestrian access in Nesta Road),

for the purpose of receiving the accounts and the Highams Residents Association Annual Report, the appointment of an independent examiner of accounts and for the conduct of other such business as may be placed before the meeting. Some retiring officers and members may offer themselves for re-election. Any nominations for committee members should be sent/phoned through to the Secretary by 5th April 2011.

On behalf of the Committee ALISON RING, Secretary,
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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 55th AGM
3. Matters Arising:
 - i) Traffic survey data / Speed gun survey
 - ii) Tree planting report
 - iii) Long Grass in Highams Park, questionnaire
4. Adoption of the accounts
5. HRA Report
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members, including new Chairman
7. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
9. Any other business

Following the meeting light refreshments will be available.

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Committee Report for the 56th AGM on 7th April 2011

Well, the first thing to say is that although the committee has been active during the year we do not have a chairman! So on behalf of the committee please consider taking up this role and putting yourself forward for this post at the AGM.

Our web site continues to act as a means of letting you know what is happening on the estate. Please continue to use the web site to let us know if there are issues arising on the estate which you would like to see tackled. An email group (The HRA Early Warning System) specifically set up to contact residents if criminal incidents occur has fortunately not had to be put to use many times during the year. A representative from the police comes to Committee meetings to let us know of any issues and also emails us if something has happened on the estate.

Traffic speed continues to provoke much debate amongst the residents (and the Committee!). It is an issue upon which a resolution is difficult to agree. The Council has been collecting data in respect of the traffic, we have some interesting data to tell you at the AGM and also news about a 'Speed Gun' survey.

Grass cutting in the park has been the subject of much email traffic this year, with Waltham Forest taking a view that certain sections around trees in the park need to be left to grow wild to increase biodiversity in the park. The Tree Preservation & Nature Conservation Officer has assured residents there will be walkways through the larger areas of longer grass and the area by the playground will remain short.

Please see the attached questionnaire - this is your chance to have a say about the 'long grass'! Please bring it with you to the AGM.

We have sent out two newsletters. Thanks to those who volunteered to deliver them. We hope you have enjoyed receiving them and feel better informed.

Through Paul Dawney we remain responsible for the triangle of grass at the junctions of Charter Road and Henrys Avenue. We have planted hundreds of bulbs and it will look terrific this Spring. The Council is still responsible for the grass.

The Residents Association owns, what is called the "Ransom Strip", which is a narrow strip of land running down the side of the playing fields of the Woodford Green Girls School. Redbridge Council has requested access over the Ransom Strip to the Girls School for emergencies only and will be constructing new access to the school from The Charter Road.

If you are a new resident and would like to become a part of the Committee please contact us via the web site.

The next 'Date for your diary' event will be the ever popular HRA Tea Party - Sunday 26th June 2011 at the Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion. We'll send out more information nearer the time.

Wildlife areas in the Higham's Park QUESTIONNAIRE

The Council seek to increase biodiversity in our parks. As part of this initiative in The Highams Park we wish to leave areas under the numerous tree canopies to grow initially as long grass, with the intention to introducing wild flowers into these areas. In order to get feed back from park users we would be grateful if you would answer the following questions.

Do you support the implementation of wildlife habitats in the Park?

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Are there any areas where you think that long grass areas would not be suitable?

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What areas of the park do you think would best support Long grass/wildflowers wildlife?

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire -
Please bring it with you to the Highams Residents Association AGM on
Thursday 7th April 8pm, Woodford Rugby Club
or send completed questionnaires to:
Green Space Service. FAO. Mike Punchard or Liza Sumpter.
Mead Park Depot, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

Deadline for the questionnaires is Monday the 11th April 2011