

## HIGHAMS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the **FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association held on **THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2011** in the Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion, High Road, Woodford Green.

### Present:

Committee members and approx 24 other members.

### Apologies:

Apologies were received from Chris Twinn, Peter Larkin, Jim Fewell, Paul Dobson, and Malcolm Horder.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the fifty-fifth Annual General Meeting were distributed to members. The adoption of the minutes were proposed and carried unanimously. (The minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> AGM will be posted to the website for approval.)

### Traffic Calming Data

The traffic survey data showed that 85% of the cars travelled at the speeds noted below in the following 3 roads:

Montalt Road- 26.6 mph

Charter Road- 32 mph

Henrys Ave- 33mph

### Safer Neighbourhood Team re Traffic

We had been offered the opportunity to have the use of a speed gun to gather evidence re speeds in the area. Chris Abbess volunteered to take this forward.

### Tree Planting Report

101 trees were designated replanting this year- none of which were on the estate! Please send details to Hazel of where trees have been taken out and not replaced so that we can put together a map of where trees are missing.

### Long Grass

Only one member attending the meeting was in favour of there being long grass in Highams Park. Overwhelmingly the response was no wild flowers or long grass please. Responses to the questionnaire from the council were collected and will be posted to Mike Punchard.

### Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the accounts independently examined by Mr Malcolm Horder to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 were circulated and presented by the Treasurer Henry Whaymand. The Treasurer stated that the financial position of the Association was satisfactory.

### The Committee's Report:

Alison Ring went through the Committee's Report.

Website~: the website was a continuing success providing useful information about the activities of the Association and a useful and efficient means of communication.

Traffic Speeds~: It was discussed whether the increased traffic speeds in Montalt Rd were as a result of traffic using Montalt instead of Chingford Lane whilst the road works in Chingford Lane were being carried out. Dissatisfaction was expressed re the road works ie not knowing how long such works were going to last.

The Highams Park~: It was noted that the gates were regularly left unlocked with the result that a car was in the park on one occasion.

Small street dustcarts were dumping their rubbish in the Highams Park and it was eventually collected by a bigger dustcart. Is this the current process?

There was no visibility of litter refuse collection in the park, particularly over the summer.

Tree stumps~: where trees had been cut down with trees stumps remaining there was no indication of when these would be removed.

#### Ransom Strip:

The emergency access across the ransom strip in the Charter Rd to the Woodford County High school was granted by the trustees on the strict proviso that it was for emergency access only. All residents were asked to be vigilant about the use of the access.

#### Election of New Officers and Committee Members

Chairman: at present there is no Chairman and it was proposed to carry on without one.

Vice Chairman: Paul Dawney

Secretary: Alison Ring

Treasurer: Henry Whaymand

Membership secretary: Ian Hill

Subs collector: Beatrice Straker

Planning Advisor: Nicky Dawney

Trustees Manager: Jill Carter

Communications: Hazel Gadsby

General: Jerry Crowley

*All of the above officers were proposed by David Jennings and seconded by Hazel Gadsby and passed unanimously.*

#### Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

Mr Malcolm Horder of 55 Montalt Road was willing to stand for re-election again and his election was accepted nem.con.

#### Any Other Business

Concern raised about the Charter Road- litter from the use of the playing fields for rugby and football. Parents using step ladders to access the playing fields over the fence. Parking more difficult due to parking restrictions further up on the High Road and Chingford Lane.

Sign for Keysham Avenue that this is local access only or T junction sign.

Planning permissions. How to make sure that all residents aware of planning issues.

Particularly if what is being built does not have planning permission or what is being built does not conform. To consult Nicky Dawney.

Park Attendant. If money available from the community council/ward a wish that it would be used for a park attendant which would resolve a lot of the ongoing issues residents have with the park. Fiona to consider putting together a petition.

Matters to be commented on to council by HRA

Sign for Keysham Avenue that this is local access only.

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Frequency of bin emptying in the Highams Park over the summer

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Dissatisfaction was expressed re the road works re not knowing how long such works were going to last.

Park Attendant- yes please.

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A Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was recorded to Mrs Angela Thompson and others who organised the refreshments and to the Rugby Club for making the Pavilion available.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.25pm