

## HIGHAMS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the **FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association held on **THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 2012** in the Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion, High Road, Woodford Green.

### Present:

Committee members and approx 50 other members.

### Apologies:

Apologies were received from Fiona Merrick, Malcolm Billingsley, Nicki Foley, Sheila Smith-Pryor, Peter Larkin, Paul Dobson, and Malcolm Horder.

### Presentation from Paul Thomson, Superintendent, Epping Forest

A short presentation was given by Mr Thomson, to explain the reasons for the work that is proposed to be carried out at the Highams Park Lake. The work is as a result of Highams Park Lake being a high risk reservoir with potential for loss of life. The water sports centre will be removed and the downstream and upstream slopes reinforced. It is proposed that the work will start in November 2013 and finish in April 2014.

There then followed a number of questions from the residents.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the fifty-sixth Annual General Meeting were previously made available on the website. The adoption of the minutes were proposed and carried unanimously. (The minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> AGM will be posted to the website for approval.)

### The Committee's Report:

David Jennings highlighted a number of activities that had occurred during the last year.

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

Newsletters~: there had been a number of newsletters distributed giving details of events relevant to the members.

Litter Pick~: a number of residents had been involved in the litter pick which had taken place as part of a borough Spring Clean.

Email~: David encouraged residents to send their email address to the Communications Committee Member to facilitate easy communication.

Party in the Park~: It was noted that a residents' party in the park on 22 July 2012 was proposed this year instead of the usual Tea Party

### Ransom Strip:

The easement in respect of the emergency access to the school was legally completed, (Some 2 days after the AGM). It was noted that in 2011 the trustees had granted it 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: David Jennings.

Secretary: Alison Ring

Treasurer: Henry Whaymand

Membership secretary: Ian Hill

Subs collector: Beatrice Straker

Planning Advisor: Jerry Crowley

Trustees Manager: Jill Carter

Communications: Hazel Gadsby

General: Maureen Dorrington, Steve Ball, Lina Fajerman, Malcolm Billingsley, Simon Hole

*All of the above officers were proposed by either Richard Moules or Anna Twinn and seconded by Mrs Abbess or Maureen Dorrington and passed unanimously.*

### Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the accounts independently examined by Mr Malcolm Horder to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 were circulated and presented by the Treasurer Henry Whaymand. The Treasurer stated that the financial position of the Association was satisfactory.

### Membership

New collectors for subs volunteered – Olive 29a Charter Rd, Jerry 51 Henrys Ave, Jo 12 Keynsham

### 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

It was noted that in order to preserve the Special Character Status of the estate that the residents will have to positively adopt the planning “rules” for the estate.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.25pm