

Highams

Residents' Association

Founded in 1955 for the residents of The Highams Estate



MINUTES of the **SIXTY- SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association held on **THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 2017** in the Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion, High Road, Woodford Green

Present:

Committee members and approx. 50 other members.

Apologies:

Ian & Shirley Fraser, Paul Dobson

Presentation from Sandeep David Christian

A presentation was given by Sandeep explaining the history of the Manor House, a history of the people living in the area and a history of the Highams Estate

Presentation from Chris Twinn

Chris summarised the latest position of the Highams Park Planning Group. The final public consultation was available on the HPPG website and at the library. The consultation was asking what we wanted in the area, and explained the character assessment of the area. Chris also updated the meeting re the building in the park of the community café.

Presentation from Highams Park bookshop

To explain that the bookshop held local history publications and books.

Minutes:

The minutes of the sixty-first Annual General Meeting were made available at the meeting. The adoption of the minutes was proposed and carried unanimously. (The minutes of the 61st AGM are available on the website)

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the accounts to 31st December 2016, independently examined by Mr Ivan Carter, were circulated and presented by the Treasurer – Andy Kotas. The Treasurer stated that the financial position of the Association was satisfactory.

The Chairman's Report:

The chairman, David Jennings, thanked all the committee members for their hard work.

Annual Tea Party.

We are planning a New Look Tea Party this year which will be more dynamic and exciting. With fun activities for old and young alike. (Await further announcements.) It will take place in the Woodford Rugby Club on Sunday 9th July this year. Please come along, have fun and meet other people from the estate.

Neighbourhood Watch.

I am delighted to announce that due to the hard work of one of our committee members we are setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme for the estate. Our first meeting took place together with our local police Safer Neighbourhoods Team on 29th March 2017. We are still looking for volunteers from Marion Grove, and parts of Montalt Road. Please come forward if you can; it is not an onerous task and helps reduce crime in the area quite substantially. The police are keen to set up a register of all residents who have CCTV so they can access footage and help reduce crime even further.

Planning Applications.

I should like to say a big thank you to all those residents who wrote or emailed LBWF objecting to the planning application to convert 2, The Charter Road into a block of flats. The application was subsequently withdrawn. However, past experience has shown us that this issue is unlikely to go away. There will probably be a further application in due course, and we will be contacting you again in the event that new proposals come forward.

Finally, I should like to remind you that we always welcome new committee members. If you would like to be involved, even in a small way, please contact us. Email: - highamsra@gmail.com

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Chairman: David Jennings.

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Andy Kotas

Membership secretary: Ian Hill

Planning Advisor: Fiona Merrick

Trustees Representative: Jill Carter

Communications: Sinead Morgan

General: Malcolm Billingsley

All of the above officers were proposed and seconded and passed unanimously.

Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

Mr Ivan Carter of Keynsham Avenue was proposed as examiner of the 2017 accounts and his election was seconded.

Any Other Business

There was an update given in respect of the school traffic congestion.

In respect of 2 The Charter Rd the members were urged to object to the revised planning application unless that was in keeping with the estate.

There were several cabs abandoned on the estate- members were advised to take note of the registration numbers of the cabs and to report them.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm