

Brackenbury Residents Association

Minutes of the AGM, held at Grove Neighbourhood Centre on 11 July 2002

Present:

Committee:

Diana Mather

Rosemary Pettit

Sophie Stewart

Murray Thomas

Tony Stephens (Chairman)

Plus 27 members

Apologies:

Anna Benson-Gyles

Dr John and Mrs M.F. Crowhurst

Sally Fear

Derek Hodd

Juliet Melford

David Rennison

Angela Warr-King

Anne and Michael Wright

1 Welcome

Welcome from TS for the 3rd BRA AGM, now in its 4th year and welcome to councillors Mike Cartright, Fiona Evans, Steve Cowan, Caroline Donald, Huw Davies and Chris Allen. Also PC Ian Duff, the new local community and liaison officer. Finally welcome for Barbara Woda.

2 Minutes of 2001 AGM

Available on request. There is no Secretary's report and there has only been a roving secretary this year, but TS would like to mention that RP has done a tremendous amount in her role as Membership secretary.

3 Membership

Membership has increased to 210 members of which 59 are new and RP feels that the Association has turned a corner and is now reversing the decrease in membership numbers. RP also encouraged members to take advantage of paying by standing order and proposed that new membership be the initiative of the Autumn campaign.

4 Treasurer's report

Report by David Rennison who unfortunately has had to leave the committee as he has moved out of the area – many thanks extended to him. James Briscoe is to be nominated as Treasurer. JB supported RP's suggestion of standing orders. Stressed high cost of printing newsletter and thanks to Roystons for providing printing free of charge. Thanks to Martin Thirlaway who acted as Independent examiner of the accounts.

5 Activity reports

▪ *Neighbourhood Watch*

TS: Report from Anna Benson-Gyles. Stressed that while everyone had done their best, unfortunately the police liaison officer had changed too often in the last year and there is therefore a lack of continuity. Welcomed the arrival of PC Duff (Hammersmith Broadway Ward) and PC Peter Riches (Ravenscourt Park Ward) and expressed hope that they will stay. The Ringmaster weekly report allows residents to keep up to date with local crime.

- *Home Zone*

DM reported that the Council sent out leaflets, there was a campaign to raise support (600 people responded) and the first stage of the Home Zone has been completed. The road bumps are expected in October.

6 Chairman's report

TS reported that it has been a busy past year. Postal services were last year's theme and since then the service has still been patchy despite complaints. It would therefore appear that there is not much we can do. However, we have focused on other issues such as Membership, the local history talk by Dr Moya Tyson, traffic calming in Brackenbury and Iffley Roads and 4 publications of the Newsletter per year. There was the annual social in February. In March there was a meeting with other residents associations. Regarding planning there was much local concern about extension plans for the Duke of York pub and a proposed development by Premier West; both of these have now been abandoned or modified. The committee supported the Street Party in June and also helped get the Council grant. Political boundaries – not the Grove Ward now but Hammersmith Broadway and Ravenscourt Park so we now have 6 councillors. Next year's issues will be predominantly street cleaning, including tree pruning.

7 Voting

Boundaries: committee proposed to extend the BRA boundary to include the corner between Dalling Road and Paddenswick Road – Malcolm Judelson and RP proposed – passed.

Committee: Tony Stephens: chairman – passed; Dr James Briscoe: treasurer – passed; Oliver Benn – passed; Diana Mather – passed; Rosemary Pettit: membership secretary – passed; Sophie Stewart: secretary – passed; Murray Thomas – passed.

Subscriptions: standing orders – Malcolm Judelson and Sally Fletcher proposed – passed.

Independent Examiner: Martin Thirlaway would be prepared to take on role although not present. Imola Ward, proposed and Davina Judelson seconded.

8 Guest Speaker – Barbara Woda – Conservation Areas – The Rules

Talked about Conservation areas and her role within the Council, and where Conservation Areas sit within the environmental department, what they are doing to tackle conservation issues and what a Conservation Area means. Her team is with the Development Control Division and she is involved with Special Planning, Design and Conservation and all matters pertaining to urban design. This is proactive work, trying to provide expertise and there are 450 listed buildings in the Borough. Also mentioned Angela Dixon of the Historic Buildings Group of Hammersmith. Highlighted the role of Conservation Areas and the act of 1990 and the duty for every local authority to formulate and publish information. BRA is largely in Conservation Areas. There is the Bradmore Conservation Area started in 1989 and extended in 1991. Showed a publication which contains advice to residents on planning – called a Conservation Area Character Profile and Advice to Residents Leaflet. The Council has now produced 23 out of 45 planned leaflets such as these, but they haven't yet started the Bradmore profile which is due to begin in November 2002. They consult on these documents with local residents and historical societies. These publications are used greatly when they are deciding if planning should be granted or not. Highlighted the document PPG15, a governmental publication which they use as a basis for their own guidance notes. Stressed that the Council has little real power over planning issues in a conservation area. If an intervention over 10 cubic metres is made then planning permission should be sort. Cladding

is a big problem. Trees – 6 weeks’ notice of any work has to be given. In conclusion she stated that the Council’s aims is to guide and encourage without being too prescriptive.

9 Questions

Q: Chris Allen asked if there were any planning issues relating to redecoration.

A: No, anything can be painted any colour.

Q: Rosemary Pettit queried work happening to her neighbouring property. Can the Council permit this development – how does it relate to Article 4 direction?

A: It depends whether it falls within 10 cubic metres. Stressed that the Council has to be reasonable but they would look carefully whether the extension was harmful.

Q: When will the Council be on the internet?

A: Stated that not up to her but she will mention this to her director.

Q: Regarding cladding, what would happen if the property was already clad?

A: Unfortunately nothing can be done in this instance.

Q: A house in Adie Road has been faced in artificial Cotswold stone – how did this get permission and what can be done?

A: Controls over cladding only came in in 1995 and so enforcement can only be taken if the cladding was installed after this date. Stressed that these are the sort of issues which the leaflets will deal with.

Q: Trees – can you make an intervention to a tree if you’ve planted a tree yourself and it’s young?

A: Yes but it also depends what the circumference is. We ought to say what the circumference measurement is that activates a TPO otherwise we are leaving the answer hanging in the air.

TS thanked Barbara Woda for her most informative talk.

10 Further questions

The lack of local garages was highlighted.

The issue of waste recycling was raised. This is a big issue for London and BRA could be very influential at looking at this. Chris Allen said that provision for waste would be looked at in the latter part of the year. RP requested details.

12 Thanks and close