

KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (KRA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 29 JUNE 2017 AT WILLETT HOUSE

INTRODUCTORY TALK BY JOANNA FRIEL

After an interesting illustrated talk from Joanna Friel, Vice Chair of the Chislehurst Society, on the heritage buildings of Chislehurst, the meeting was formally opened.

PRESENT:

Officers:	David Viles	Chairman
	Tony Burrett	Vice Chairman
	Avril GreatRex	Treasurer
	Vinod Khanna	Secretary

The Chairman welcomed around 25 members to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Tony Allen, Gordon Brown, Mrs Grierson, Ruth and Donald Wells

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2016

There were no matters arising. Therefore, on a motion proposed by Beryl Burrett and seconded by Lin Limbrey that they be agreed, the minutes were approved unanimously as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

3 CHAIRMANS' REPORT

The Chairman referred members to the report/newsletter already circulated and highlighted the following points:

- During the autumn, several stretches of pavement at the southern end of the road damaged by tree roots and subsidence were reinstated and a new pavement was laid on the corner with Acorn Close. Rotten and overturned wooden bollards at the southern end were replaced.
- In the spring, an additional road hump was installed north of Acorn Close following soundings with residents via the previous year's opinion survey. All the white line (and chevron road markings each side of the road humps) were also repainted and additional white lines were marked to deter parking in potentially hazardous areas of the road. Extra '20mph' road markings were also laid down in key locations to discourage speeding. The Committee will be keeping the effectiveness of these markings under review.
- Volunteers to help cut back encroaching vegetation on the amenity strip would always be welcome.
- The Association had continued to contribute to consultations on planning in connection with major development affecting the road during the year. It is one of the bodies which LB Bromley has undertaken to consult on any proposals to

reconfigure the roads around the Common in order to reduce the number of accidents.

- There have been some fly-tipping/littering incidents on the verges during the year. Sometimes LB Bromley are willing to remove the rubbish but this is not always the case as Kemnal Road is 'unadopted'.
- White lines have been installed at the Dickens Drive junction to deter parking, and also around the individual driveways between Mulbarton Court and Kemnal Warren to give residents better sightlines when exiting onto Kemnal Road. The Committee will keep the effectiveness of these measures under review.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Income and Expenditure account for the year to 5 April 2017 were circulated. Avril highlighted expenditure of around £,3000 during the year, although invoices (expected to total around £4,500) were still awaited for the footpath repairs, bollards, white lining etc.; subject to this, the Association had a healthy bank/cash balance of over £33,000. The accounts were in the process of being audited by Mr. Grierson.

David thanked Avril for her continuing hard work in collecting subscriptions and keeping the finances in good order.

5 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO 5 APRIL 2015

On a proposal by Wendy Hadler-Cash, seconded by Otto Norland, the accounts were approved unanimously.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Vinod Khanna took the Chair. **There being no other nominations, it was resolved unanimously that David Viles be re-appointed as Chairman for 2017/18.**

David reassumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting and asked if anyone present wished to stand for the positions of Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. He said that while Tony Burrett and Vinod Khanna were willing to continue in their present positions, Avril GreatRex wished to stand down as Treasurer (though not as a member of the Committee) after many years of service in that role, and that the Committee and all residents owed Avril a huge debt of gratitude for all her hard work over the years. He was pleased to announce that Wendy Hadler-Cash (Mulbarton Court) had agreed to take on the role of Treasurer if the meeting agreed.

David proposed Tony Burrett as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Avril GreatRex. **There being no other nominations, it was agreed unanimously that Tony Burrett be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman.**

David proposed that Wendy-Hadler-Cash be appointed as Treasurer. This was seconded by Alec McTavish. **There being no other nominations, it was agreed unanimously that Wendy Hadler-Cash be appointed as Treasurer.**

David proposed that Vinod Khanna be appointed as Secretary. This was seconded by Mandy Clark. There being no other nominations, **it was agreed unanimously that Vinod Khanna be re-appointed as Secretary.**

David asked if there were any members who wished to join the Committee or stand down from it. He was pleased that Ian McAllister (Cascades) had volunteered and that the other existing Committee members had agreed to remain, with the exception of Graham Pedgrift who was moving away from Kemnal Road and would therefore no longer be eligible. He proposed the re-appointment of Tony Allen, Mandy Clark, Avril GreatRex, Lin Limbrey and Alec McTavish, and the appointment of Ian McAlister, to the Committee. This was seconded by Otto Norland **and unanimously approved.** David welcomed Ian onto the Committee.

David then asked for the agreement of the meeting to the re-appointment of Mr P Grierson, who was willing to remain in the role until end of the next year, as Independent Examiner. All present were happy with this appointment, so Mr Grierson's re-appointment was accepted unanimously.

Confirmation of these appointments and re-appointments, with effect from 30 June 2017:

Signature:

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Name:

Name:

Position:

Position:

Date:

7 ROAD FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017/18

It was agreed that there was no need to raise the contribution and that it should remain at the current level of £40 per household.

8 OPEN DISCUSSION – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON ANY OTHER TOPICS OF CURRENT CONCERN

There was discussion regarding the impact of Selwood House's planning application to relax the current restriction on tenancy to persons of pensionable age. It was felt that the changes would increase parking on Kemnal Road. David confirmed that an objection had been lodged to the proposal on this ground.

Concern was expressed regarding the amount of parking in Kemnal Road, particularly by non-residents, and its possible safety implications. It was noted that a lot of parking was generated by staff and visitors connected to Willett House, who had nowhere else to park, and that residents of Eaton Court seemed to prefer to park in the road rather than in their own car park. There had been some improvement particularly around the Dickens Drive junction since white lines had been laid down to help provide better sightlines for vehicles exiting from or entering into Dickens Drive; it was noted however that as Dickens Drive (unlike Kemnal Road) was a road adopted by Bromley Council, residents could ask LB Bromley to install yellow lines in Dickens Drive. The Committee would closely monitor the effect of white-lining this junction and would consider whether any further action was necessary, including 'No Parking' markings.

ACTION: Committee

Other issues raised were:

- Fly-tipping: it was agreed that the Committee would monitor the number and frequency of such incidents. Dummy CCTV cameras might be a possible solution if fly-tipping were to escalate.
- Cars speeding on the northern section of Kemnal road despite the speed humps: It was suggested that chicanes be considered as an option for traffic calming, although it was pointed out that parked vehicles could themselves act as effective chicanes.
- The entrance to Kemnal Road from Ashfield Lane: David said that the Committee would be considering what could be done to improve the appearance of the verge at the junction now that BT Openreach had completed their broadband cabling work. Tony Burrett added that the damaged fencing was due to be replaced by the owner in July.
- The planning application to remove trees on the land adjacent to 3 Pickwick Way.

David thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also thanked Selwood House for providing the venue. Before ending the meeting and inviting all present to stay for drinks and light refreshments, he presented on behalf of all residents a gift to Avril GreatRex to mark her many years as the Association's Treasurer. He also thanked Graham Pedgrift for his long service as both a Committee Member and long-term Chairman and, on behalf of all present, wished Graham and Jean many years of happiness in their new home. Members fully endorsed these sentiments, with applause.

Meeting ended: 9.00pm