

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting at 1930 on Tuesday October 10 at 25 Lawn Road, NW3 2XR.

Present: PV (Chair); DT; BA; PW.

Apologies for Absence: AS; TS; SP.; EP.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Belsoc Business:

Neil Harris: Much praise for AS, BA and especially HS for the marathon efforts in taking Neil's boxes to Oxfam bookshop in Hampstead where the manager was especially helpful. Optimism that sale of Neil's books will raise a substantial sum for charity.

Little progress on Queen's Canopy/Bench for Diana Self. Suggestion that a plaque be fitted to existing bench if no alternative. DT.

Retrofitting: article for November Newsletter agreed. DT.

Noticeboard repair welcomed. PV.

Consideration of website hosting – currently 34SP – will be at next meeting.

Camden's Consultation on Parking Permits: It was agreed society members should be left to make their own individual responses to the council's proposals.

Planning:

Howitt Close victory! Delight over news that developer's second application has been rejected. Congratulations to all concerned especially BA and TS for all their hard work over two long years.

Appeal on enforcement at Flats 13a&b, 19 Lancaster Grove noted. PV

Finance:

BA presented her detailed work on the accounts for the quarter ended Sept 30, 2023 which were accepted after specific queries from DT.

Treasurer: Welcome news that EP has accepted the treasurer's post. PV.

Charity Commission: Trustee Annual Report being finalised for submission by 13 October. BA.

Charitable donations: Liaison with charities with prospect of 2023 donations. PV.

Trees:

BA listed society's latest objections to three tree-felling proposals concerning 30 Eton Ave., 22 Lancaster Grove and Eton College Road (a conifer on the wrong side of the road).

Events:

Success of AN's Historic Walk weekend reported. Plans for another walk next Spring.

Two meetings agreed for Sunday Nov 19: New Members in the afternoon and Councillors in the evening. PV.

Carols: December 23, 4.30pm yet to be confirmed with Dec 16 a possible alternative. PV.

AGM: March 3 2024 suggested rather than March 10 (Mother's Day).

Publications:

Newsletter update: Volunteer for newsletter preparation in place after response to advert. PV.

TYCT: Details of the helpful removal company involved in Neil's boxes to be added for next year's issue. PW.

Membership:

Two new members noted. Tribute paid to AS for her work in updating the membership database. And to PV for reconciling online payments and the database. Has led to a decline in membership informed by AS and noted.

AOB: Online Maggie's Royal Free presentation invitation.

Date of next meeting: November 14. Location: 14C Belsize Square, NW3 4HT