

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2014

1. Attendance, apologies and welcome

Present: Averil Nottage (Chairwoman), Gordon Curtis, Judith Farbey, Judith Gubbay, Pat Holden, Consuelo Phelan, Deborah Buzan, Anne Stevens, Prabhat Vaze

Apologies: Neil Harris, Ruth Sands.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were agreed. **PV** to forward to Kathy Clauss to put on the website.

3. Planning and Conservation

a) Report on planning applications

i) Objections and comments since December 2013 (4)

32A Lambolle Rd	Installation of skylight to front roof slope
25 Glenmore Rd	Erection of a single storey rear infill extension following demolition of existing side extension and replacement of existing rear garden doors in connection with dwelling house.
3 Buckland Cres	Alterations to roof level to include the addition of side dormers
48d Primrose Hill Road	Enlargement of existing 3x rooflights to front roof slope and replacement of existing side dormer window with obscure glazing window.

ii) No objections or comments (14):

2013/7693/P 9 Eton Avenue	2013/7734/P 47 Primrose Gardens
2013/8089/P 5 Hawtrey Road	2013/7766/P 15 Brocas Close
2013/8184/P 48d Primrose Hill Road	2013/7921/P 48d Primrose Hill Road
2013/8174/P 65 Quickwood	2013/8123/P 48 Howitt Road
2013/7840/P 1 Daleham Mews	2013/8034/P 120 Fellows Road
2013/7902/P 2 Hornby Close	2013/7617/P 1 Antrim Road
2013/7806/P 21 A Steeles Road	2013/7793/P 23 Lower Merton Rise

b) HS2

The consultation on the HS2 proposal is set to end 24 January. In the Belsize area, building work relating to the Adelaide Road vent shaft will continue over a 5-year period. There will be considerable traffic congestion, air pollution and noise. It will have a significant impact on the Adelaide Nature Reserve. **AN** would

summarise the document for BRA members to be placed on the website and also reply to the consultation raising our concern.

c) South Hampstead Synagogue

AN reported members' comments made to her about this application's size and traffic impacts. GC will integrate the members' comments as he responds to the consultation.

4. Trees

a) Comments and Objections since October 2013

i) Objections and comments since October 2013 (2)

2a Netherhall Gardens	Fell Prunus
18 Upper Park Road	Remove Acacia

ii) No objections (18):

18 Adamson Rd x 2	48 Buckland Crescent
28 Fellows Rd	30 Wellington Ho, Eton Rd
13 Belsize Grove	1 Belsize Park
83 Belsize Lane	45 Netherhall Gardens
4 Wedderburn Road	Provost Court, Eton Rd x2
16 Chalcot Gardens	135 Haverstock Hill
136 Fellows Rd	6 Buckland Crescent
25 Lyndhurst Rd	12 Lyndhurst Rd

b) Replanting on Hampstead Green

The Committee discussed a request by the Camden Butterfly Conservation Trust for support for their proposal to develop Hampstead Green as a butterfly sanctuary. **CP** will follow up with Camden Tree Officers and **JG** would liaise about a possible Newsletter item.

5. Traffic and Transport

a) London Transport Liaison Group

PH will attend the meeting on 19 February.

6. Environment and community services

a) Belsize Fire Station

The JR seeking to overturn the decision to close the station was unsuccessful and the fire station has now closed. There is no new information on the future use of the building.

b) Belsize Library

There was a concern that the use of the Library by the community might be constrained by on-going problems with the transfer of the library to the Community Interest Company. **AN** would enquire with Paul Perkins whether the Winch Trust required any support to expedite the transfer.

c) Hampstead Heath Ponds Project

The City of London is consulting on the recommendations made by a firm of consultants about improvements to the ponds, particularly adaptations to cope with higher water levels, severe rains and risks of floods. Because the reports are very technical, there is already a major Dam Nonsense campaign led by the Heath and Hampstead Society and that the impact of the dams is outside our area, it was decided not to respond.

d) Tavistock Clinic committee

It was agreed to see if we could find a member to represent the BRA on the clinic committee through the newsletter.

7. Events

a) Carol Singing

AS and Handley were thanked for organising another successful carol singing. Weather prevented as many joining the event as last year, but overall about 80-100 people attended and £181.61 was raised for Marie Curie.

b) New members event

Arrangements are in hand for the 26 January event at Diana's.

c) Date for 2014 Local Elections Hustings

As local elections are on 22 May – timed to run alongside European Parliamentary elections – BRA hustings event would be organised for the Sunday before this. **PV** would book Hampstead Town Hall for the 2.00 to 5.30pm 18 May. The format of previous events would be followed. We would ask members to submit questions beforehand.

d) AGM Practicalities

Arrangements for the AGM are in hand with committee members helping with the sound system (**AS**), checking in members (**AS** to bring lists and find volunteers), teas (**AN** contact Diana), printing papers (**PV**) and venue (**PV**). It was agreed that 660 copies of papers on yellow paper would be needed.

8. Public Relations

a) Management of notice boards

AN reported that Deidre Yager and Ulrike Murray had kindly volunteered to help on this. **AN** and **AS** would meet with them to discuss.

b) New website

AS reported on progress in procuring a website designer and there was a discussion about whether to switching from 34SP as the hosting service.

9. Publications

a) Newsletter

The February newsletter was progressing with a 24 January copy deadline. As the AGM papers would be included distribution would start at the end of w/c 3

February so that members all receive at least 3 weeks notice of the meeting as required by our constitution.

b) AGM papers

AN outlined the papers for the AGM. The draft Chairwoman's report and agenda were agreed. The closing date for nominations for the committee would be 2 March. The minutes of the last AGM, list of committee members and 2013 audited accounts would be added to complete the AGM papers. **PV** and **JG** would ensure papers were compiled and printed contacting KPM Print Services.

c) Tradesman You Can Trust

AN will liaise with Sarah Courtin about the form for nominating tradesmen and a covering piece in the newsletter.

10. Membership

a) Membership changes

There had been one new member since December.

b) Library Fair

PH reported on the Christmas Fair where BRA had a stall. It was a good opportunity to both meet local residents and support the library.

11. Finance

a) Accounts for 2013

The annual accounts were being prepared with a meeting planned with the auditor later in the week.

12. Any Other Business.

a) Archive of BRA papers

There was agreement that an electronic archive be set up using DropBox. This would be progressed alongside the website development. On paper records of the Association, AN reported that the planning papers handed to her by Gordon Maclean were quite a substantial addition to her archive and that she was beginning to reduce recognising that some of the material was not of long-term interest.

b) Handover arrangements from Chairwoman

AN reported that, following her request to the Committee for volunteers to take on the Chair roll after her departure, PV had indicated an interest.

13. Future meetings

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12 February at 20A Crossfield Road, NW3 4NT.