

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 7 October 2014 at Flat 20A Crossfield Road

Present: Prabhat Vaze (Chair); Judith Farbey; Judith Gubbay; Neil Harris; Pat Holden; Anne Stevens; Sheila Wrigglesworth

1. **Apologies for absence:** Deborah Buzan, Gordon Curtis, Consuela Phelan, Ruth Sands
2. **Hampstead Forum:** The Committee welcomed a representative of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum who gave an informative talk and answered questions about the practicalities of starting a NF. A side note of this part of the meeting will be circulated separately.
ACTION: **AS** will read and summarise the West Hampstead Development Plan for discussion at the December meeting; **JF** will produce a pack of relevant materials about how to start a NF for the December meeting.
3. **Minutes of last meeting**
 - a. September minutes were agreed.
 - b. Matters arising from September minutes: **NH** to follow up in contacting those concerned with Belsize Village and Haverstock Hill Christmas lights re BRA donations.
4. **Councillors meeting:** Arrangements for the forthcoming meeting with councillors were finalised. (Date of meeting: 19 October 2014)
ACTION: Committee members to let PV know items for agenda. Suggestions: basements, 100 Avenue Road, local list, police.
5. **Events:**
 - a. Autumn walk: Arrangements made.
 - b. Storing crockery: Newsletter to ask for volunteers to store the BRA crockery, preferably with ground floor access.
ACTION: BRA to thank Athol with flowers.
 - c. Helpers Event: Proposed for January and to include all helpers.
6. **Finances:** Accounts approved. Committee members to provide further suggestions for donations at November meeting.
7. **Planning:**

- a. Planning applications: reports: No reports this month
8. **Trees:** Report on planning applications
Objections/concerns: 2
6 Downside Crescent - fell Bay tree in front garden
8 Wedderburn Road - rear garden, fell Bay tree
- No objection: 14
16 Belsize Park
53 Belsize Park Gardens
45 Netherhall Gardens
15 Fitzjohn's Avenue
4 Village Close, Belsize Lane
14 Strathray Gardens
9 Belsize Square
20 Belsize Square
The Hall School, 23 Crossfield Road (2 applications)
43A Lancaster Grove
5 Netherhall Gardens (South Hampstead HS) (2 applications)
51 Upper Park Road
10 Lyndhurst Gardens
31 Lyndhurst Road
9. **Publications**
a. Newsletter: Deadline for contributions is 25 October. To go to printers 10/11 November. Distribution will take place in week beginning 17 November.
10. **Membership changes:** 5 new members. Stall at Transition Belsize Fair on 27 September considered worthwhile for BRA profile etc.
11. **Any other business:**
a. Website: There are two quotes for the website work. JG, JF, PV and AS to take forward and request samples of work.
b. Basement meeting: PV and AS attended. This is a new initiative to bring together all those with interests/concerns about basement planning. It aims to find ways to improve implementation of existing processes and legislation.
12. **Date and place of next meeting:** Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 7.30pm; venue to be confirmed