

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at Flat C, 14
Belsize Square, NW3

Present: Prabhat Vaze (Chair); Deborah Buzan; Judith Gubbay; Consuelo Phelan, Anne Stevens

1. **Apologies for absence:** Judith Farbey, Neil Harris, Pat Holden; Ruth Sands; Sheila Wrigglesworth
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - a. The October minutes were agreed
 - b. Matters arising from October Minutes:
 - i. Minute 5a **ACTION** DB will take flowers to Dr Athol Hughes.
3. **Finance**
 - a. Accounts for October 2014: approved
 - b. Donations:
 - i. Haverstock Hill Lights. **ACTION** NH to discover from Anne Ward to whom donation of £100 should be addressed and forward it
 - ii. Belsize Village lights: **ACTION** NH to arrange donation of £50
 - iii. St Stephen's: **ACTION** NH to make donation of £500 to St Stephen's for ongoing refurbishment of architectural features
 - iv. Other suggestions: **ACTION** DB to ascertain a proposal for a specific use of a donation to the WAC. **ACTION** PV to similar for Transition Belsize.
4. **BRA Business:** Noticeboards: **ACTION** PV will check for leakage and investigate costs of repair.
5. **Planning**
 - a. **Planning applications**

ACTION: DB will scrutinise all recent applications and make any objections or comments as required.

ACTION: DB, PV and GC will meet to consider future arrangements
 - b. **Royal Free Hospital Institute for Institute for Immunity and Transplantation and associated buildings.** Application 2014/6845/P. The controversy surrounding this proposal was noted. The BRA will continue to consider its comments in the light of the plans submitted.
 - c. **3 Arkwright Road** This is a potential application for a change of use to create an extension to St Anthony's School. Noted that no committee member was available to attend a meeting about the project on 20 November. **ACTION:** AS to let the meeting organisers know and ask to be kept in touch.
 - d. **Basements.** Following Camden Council's recent consultation meeting on the revision of the Local Development Framework policy and guidance on basements, PV, as the BRA representative on the Camden Residents Association Action Committee (CRAAC) was asked to encourage CRAAC in its attempts to set up better communication with Camden and to feed the excellent conclusions of CRAAC's working parties into the review process.

- e. **Neighbourhood Forum:** AS's paper was approved. **ACTION:** AS to contact Councillor Leyland to clarify her thinking on how she intends to proceed. The BRA's preference would be for a Forum to be launched by as well-publicised and large a public meeting as possible, with a non-political chair (who would not necessarily then chair a forum committee).
 - f. **HS2** It had been noted that there was apparently no representative from the Hampstead and Belsize Park area on the Cross Party Group on compensation set up by Camden Council to include MPs and council leaders. **ACTION:** JF to contact the group to urge that Glenda Jackson MP should be invited to join the group.
6. **Trees:** Report on planning applications: CP had reviewed 11 planning applications and had not needed to make any comments or objections. The reviewed applications were as follows:
 Rackstraw House, 40 Primrose Hill Road
 25a Belsize Crescent
 4 Maresfield Gardens
 39 Upper Park Road
 9 Eton Villas
 1 Eton Road
 3 Buckland Crescent
 15 Belsize Park
 50 Glenloch Road
 45 Maresfield Gardens
 Netherhall Mansions, 30-32 Netherhall Gardens
7. **Environment and community services:** Camden Consultation on Gambling Policy. **ACTION:** PV will discuss a response with PH
8. **Events**
- a. **Carol Singing:** Arrangements were agreed
 - b. **Local Get-togethers.** **ACTION** PV and SW to liaise about dates and arrangements for get-togethers, hopefully for January.
 - c. **Helpers Thank you party.** This should be arranged for a Sunday evening in January.
- ACTIONS**
- i. AS to propose a date
 - ii. SW and RS to be asked for names of helpers
9. **Public Relations**
- New website:** DECISION Peter Godwin to be asked to undertake the creation of the new website. **ACTION** AS to pursue this matter
10. **Publications**
- a. Newsletter:
 - i. JG reported that the November issue was about to be distributed.
 - ii. JG reported that two potential replacement editors had come forward. **ACTION** PV and JG to meet the persons concerned.
11. **Membership**
- a. Membership changes: Three new members.

12. **Any Other Business**

None

13. **Date and place of next meeting**

Tuesday, 9 December 2014 at 7.30pm at Garden Flat, 17 Lambolle Road, NW3 4HS