

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 9 December 2014 at
Garden Flat, 17 Lambolle Road, NW3 4HS

Present: Prabhat Vaze (chair); Deborah Buzan; Judith Farbey; Judith Gubbay; Neil Harris; Pat Holden; Consuelo Phelan; Anne Stevens; Sheila Wrigglesworth; Alexandra Crisp (observing)

1. **Apologies and introductions:** Welcome to Alexandra Crisp who has kindly volunteered to take over the newsletter when JG stands down as editor
Apologies for absence: Ruth Sands, Gordon Curtis
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Agree November minutes: Agreed as circulated.
 - b. Matters arising from November minutes not covered elsewhere: JF had not had time to contact Camden's HS2 group to urge that Glenda Jackson MP should be invited to join but will do so as soon as she is able.
3. **Finance**
 - a. Accounts for November 2014: Approved as circulated
 - b. Donations in 2014: update: Donations have been made as scheduled in the accounts. It was **agreed** that Averil's present and Swiss Cottage Action Group would be moved from donations to 'other'. Transition Belsize need funding for the petting zoo at the next Green Fair. While this will be a matter for the next Committee, this Committee would be keen to donate £500 for the zoo with some publicity for BRA.
4. **Planning**
 - a. Planning applications: for update: deferred to a later date, for discussion with GC.
 - b. Royal Free Immunology Institute: There was no overall objection among Committee members to the concept of an institute which may bring benefits to the community and is undoubtedly a worthwhile project. The Heath & Hampstead Society's comments were noted, and the view of the meeting was that H& H had taken a sensible line.
ACTION: PV will organise a response along H&H lines.
 - c. Wash-up on any other planning matters to be reported: Cllr Leyland has indicated that she will call an initial meeting about the establishment of a Neighbourhood Forum.
ACTION: AS will follow up with Cllr Leyland in the New Year, if there has been no progress.
5. **Trees:** Report on planning applications
Objections/concerns: 4
61 Lancaster Grove - fell apple at rear
106 Haverstock Hill - fell lime at front
32 Maresfield Gardens - fell holly, front
21 Parkhill Road - fell false acacia (robinia), front

No objection: 17
16 Netherhall Gardens
67 Upper Park Road
29 Buckland Crescent
51a Primrose Gardens

Avenue House, Belsize Park Gardens
31 Belsize Avenue
Stanbury Court, 99 Haverstock Hill (2 applications)
23 Belsize Avenue
26 College Crescent
65 Belsize Park
9 Eton Road
5 Eton Avenue
35 Buckland Crescent
3-3a Wychcombe Studios, England's Lane
4 Lancaster Drive
15a Maresfield Gardens
8 Buckland Crescent

6. **Environment and community services**

- a. Christmas lights: The Village lights have been switched on; the Haverstock Hill lights will be switched on next week.
- b. Camden's gambling policy – consultation:
- c. **ACTION: PH** will consider the consultation; responses are due in January 2015.

7. **Events**

- a. Carols on 20 December 2014: 20 December 2014 at 4.30pm.
ACTION: DB will provide a table; Committee members encouraged to bring mince pies; **AS** will inform the police and contact the membership with a reminder by email; **JG** to produce a poster. Committee members encouraged to arrive at 4.15 to assist with set up etc.
- b. Local get togethers – formation of sub-group:
ACTION: In the email to members about the carol singing, **AS** will ask members to volunteer to host a get together and also ask for volunteers to help with organisation.
- c. Helpers Event: Proposed for 25 January 2015 at 6-8pm, to be hosted by **AS with invitations from PV.**

8. **Web site**

- a. Development of new web site: for update: **AS** will progress asap.
- b. Payments for website in 2014: There is doubt about who is the recipient of £18 odd which NH believed was going monthly to the website host but may upon analysis not be sent to them. It seems to be going to a telecoms provider for broadband or home phone services.
ACTION: NH to stop the Direct Debit as a matter of priority, and inform the broadband provider. **NH** will ask the bank for a copy of the DD mandate to check how this has come about, whether by error or by fraud.

9. **Publications**

- a. Newsletter: colour publication (quote as circulated by JG): Colour printing would raise the cost from £249 to £325, which would include better quality/heavier paper and so increase postage. Not feasible for the February newsletter. **AC** able and willing to integrate newsletter, web site and emails to members as a comms continuum.

10. **Membership**

- a. Membership changes, November 2014: Two new members.

11. **Any Other Business:** AGM will be on 8 March 2015.
12. **Date and place of next meeting:** Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 20A Crossfield Road