

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10 February 2015
at 14C Belsize Square, NW3

1. **Apologies and introductions:**

Apologies for absence: Deborah Buzan, Judith Gubbay, Ruth Sands

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

- a. Agree January minutes: agreed
- b. Matters arising from January minutes not covered elsewhere: none

3. **Planning**

- a. Planning applications: In the absence of a report, **PV** will consider applications this month out of committee including a proposed development in England's Lane highlighted by SW
- b. Neighbourhood Forum initial meeting – JF reported on the initial meeting called by Cllr Leyland. It was agreed that the BRA (ie JF) will assist Cllr Leyland to fix a boundary as being the first step. We will need to liaise with NNA so as not to have overlap in proposed boundary. Also need to consider how far east of Haverstock Hill the boundary would be and also find out what is happening in S. Hampstead. Agreed that the boundary could extend to Swiss Cottage to cover the Avenue Road area. Precedent for BRA interest in Swiss Cottage (contribution to local list; and support for the Winch).
- c. Sir Richard Steele pub – request by Cllr Bucknell to apply for Asset of Community Value: to await reply from Cllrs Leyland and Bucknell who have been emailed about practicalities of getting ACV status for a pub.
- d. Royal Free Hospital development – overview of BRA position: PV reminded the meeting that we objected to loss of space and loss of garden, also expressing concern about traffic implications.
- e. Wash-up on any other planning matters to be reported: The Tesco development has been highlighted in the newsletter for the benefit of members.

4. **Trees:** Report on planning applications:

Comments/objections:

Belsize Court, Wedderburn Road: fell ash, purple plum (2 applications)

17 Upper Park Road: fell gleditsia (no records available on website)

53 Belsize Park: fell holly (no records available on website)

No objection:

12 Upper Park Road

Belsize Studios, Glenilla Road

Hillfield Court, Belsize Avenue (2 applications)

28 Upper Park Road

4 Downside Crescent

8 Chalcot Gardens

8 Daleham Gardens

Camden has just revamped the website, which seems to have created some problems. CP has been assured they are being fixed asap.

5. **Environment and community services**

- a. Waste Contract Innovation Event: JF reminded the Committee of the event due to take place on Saturday 28 February 2015.

6. **Events**

- a. AGM, 8 March 2014: **SW** to organise the helpers and arrange the cakes and bring milk; **AS** to bring sound system; **JG** to be asked to produce internal signage to the meeting room and a poster for BRA notice boards; **PV** to organise a clipboard to collect names of potential volunteers.
- b. New members event, Sunday 15 March 2015: Diana will kindly host this, which usually runs from about 12.30 to 2pm but **SW** will contact Diana about arrangements and timings as 6pm to 8pm may make more sense for this particular event.
- c. Event forward planning for 2015: A number of members have offered their homes for neighbourhood get togethers. **PV and AS** will liaise by email about contacting them and setting dates.
It would also be interesting to host an event at Belsize Library – such as a book reading or talk about Belsize. **SW** to contact local author, M Colloms.
PV to contact previous historic walk leaders about interest in leading the next local walk.
PV to liaise by email with relevant committee members about getting event dates for 2015 into diaries.

7. **Finance**

- a. Accounts for January 2015: agreed as circulated

8. **Web site**

- a. Development of new web site: **AS** has drafted text of new web site and **JG** will give her input before it goes to the designer.
- b. Payments for website in 2014: **NH** will mention the bank error at the AGM.

9. **Publications**

- a. Newsletter: The Committee expressed its enormous thanks to JG for all her valuable and hard work on the newsletter. AC was congratulated on an excellent first newsletter. She encouraged Committee members to keep her posted about what they are doing for the BRA so that the newsletter is as full as possible.

10. **Membership**

- a. Membership changes, January 2015: No new members.

11. **Any Other Business:**

- a. The Committee was sad to learn of Philip Vince's passing. NH will make an appropriate donation to Marie Curie.
- b. PV reminded all those interested in standing for the new Committee to complete their nomination forms. RS is standing down from newsletter delivery at the end of 2015 – the Committee was asked to consider who can take her place.
- c. PV thanked the Committee for a good year's work.

12. **Date and place of next meeting: Wednesday 11 March 2015; 20A Crossfield Road.**