

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 March 2015
at 20A Crossfield Road NW3

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alexandra Crisp; Consuelo Phelan; Sheila Wrigglesworth
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Agree February minutes: agreed
 - b. Matters arising from February minutes not covered elsewhere: None
3. **BRA business**
 - a. **Election of Chair for 2015/16:** PV was elected unopposed
 - b. **Committee members' roles for 2015/16:** NH will be Treasurer; AS will be Membership Secretary; AC will edit the newsletter; CP will be responsible for tree issues; GC – co-opted onto the Committee with responsibility for planning applications; SW will have responsibility for events; JF will work on planning policy issues and continue with administrative functions as Secretary.
 - c. **Revitalisation and reinvigoration of planning work: for discussion and decision:** The Committee agreed that, owing to the large workload involved in the consideration of planning applications, a planning sub-group should be formed with GC providing liaison with the Committee. The sub-group will do as much as possible electronically
ACTION POINT: PV will invite members with appropriate skill base to join the sub-group
 - d. **Increasing the volunteer base:** PV will direct the appropriate Committee member to members who have volunteered for particular tasks.
ACTION: Committee members should contact new volunteers who have expressed an interest in their area of work to welcome them and encourage them to stay involved.
 - e. **New web site:** Implementation including (i) Timeframe: AS will chase the web designer about progress; (ii) Content: AS and JG have finalised the content. The web designer has agreed to give training to Committee members who would like to upload content to the new site
ACTION: JG and AS will liaise about obtaining suitable photos of Belsize for the new site, and about the design brief for the new site. AS will contact the designer about a Skype discussion as there needs to be more accountability and contact. AS will request sample pages.
 - f. Dates of future meetings: Meetings will be scheduled for the **second Tuesday of every month**, save that the next meeting will be on 21 April 2015.
 - g. Newsletter distribution: conversion to electronic edition: to be held over to next meeting for AC to report
4. **Planning**
 - a. Local Plan – consultation response due 17 April 2015
(<http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/environment/planning-and-built-environment/two/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan.en>)
ACTION: AS will cover Growth & Spatial Strategy; JF will cover Meeting Housing Needs; PH will cover Community Health and Wellbeing; PV will cover Protecting Amenity and Basements; GC will cover Design & Heritage, and Sustainability; Handley Stevens will

cover transport; JG will cover Town Centres & Shops. Drafts to be circulated around the Committee by **31 March**.

- b. 100 Avenue Road – developer’s appeal: Objectors’ appeal documents to be lodged by 20 March 2015.

ACTION: (i) **NH** will send a cheque to Save Swiss Cottage for £1000; (ii) **AS** will email all members urging them to submit representations to Camden by 20 March.

- c. Planning applications: PV had considered 14 planning applications. He objected to one: 2014/7803/P Englands Lane Residences

The others were:

2015/0057/P 64 BPG

2015/0020/P 13 Tobin Close

2015/0268/P Flats 1-17, 19 Lancaster Ct

2015/0373/P 58 Howitt Rd

2015/0375/P 50 BSq

2015/0231/P Flat 1, 100 Fellows Rd

2015/0356/P 25 Lancaster Grove

2015/0290/P 3 B PI

2015/0536/P Flat 1-2, 24 Bel Pk

2014/5806/P Lancaster Grove

2015/0310/P 2 Antrim Gr

2015/0500/P 16 Elizabeth Mews

2015/0468/P Buckingham Court, 37-38 BP

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

Comments/objections: 8

132 Fellows Road - fell 2 elms at rear. Reduce crowns instead.

104 Haverstock Hill - fell pear at rear- trunk decay

2 Belsize Lane - Fell laburnum.

7 Rosslyn Hill (linked with 2 Belsize Lane) - fell sycamore, birch, ash, lime. (Result: TPO on sycamore, birch, lime)

Samara Mansions, 11 Netherhall Gardens - fell horse chestnut by driveway, diseased

18 Glenmore Road - fell lime at rear

9 Wedderburn Road - fell birch, rear garden

3 England's Lane - fell plum, birch - damage to wall, rebuilding.

No objection: 17

4 Belsize Park

1 Belsize Avenue

12 Netherhall Gardens

37 Netherhall Gardens (2 applications)

4 Downside Crescent

83 Belsize Park Gardens

34 Belsize Grove

3 England's Lane

23 Lancaster Grove

72 Belsize Park Gardens

34 Netherhall Gardens

27 Netherhall Gardens

2 Strathray Gardens
21 Lancaster Grove
100 Fellows road
47c Netherhall Gardens
17 Provost Road

6. **Environment and community services**
 - a. Camden Waste Challenge, meeting on 28 February: JF reported on a well-organised event at Camden. The Council is aiming to build a modern waste policy based on sustainability and recycling.
 - b. Recent car theft in Belsize: Newsletter to remind members to take care and leave cars secure.
7. **Events**
 - a. New members event, 15 March 2015, 12.30 to 2.30pm: **PH** and **SW** will arrive early for set-up.
8. **Finance**
 - a. Accounts for February 2015: Agreed as circulated
 - b. Charitable donation in memoriam: **NH** will send a cheque for £200 to Marie Curie
9. **Membership changes, February 2015:** No new members in Feb; two new members joined at AGM
10. **Any Other Business:**
 - (i) **AGM venue:** The meeting agreed that the AGM venue had been unsatisfactory as there are no catering facilities eg running water/washing-up machine. Alternatives will be sought for next year.
 - (ii) **Tesco:** Following the resolution of the AGM to support the campaign against Tesco opening in Haverstock Hill, it was agreed to place material about the campaign on BRA notice boards as appropriate.
11. **Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday 21 April at Flat 1, 20 Netherhall Gardens, NW3**