

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 08 SEPTEMBER 2015

1) Attendance, apologies and welcome

Present Prabhat Vaze (Chair), Neil Harris, Pat Holden, Consuelo Phelan, Anne Stevens, Sheila Wrigglesworth

Apologies: Alex Crisp, Judith Farbey, Judith Gubbay

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed.

3) Planning and Conservation

a) **100 Avenue Road.** The Inspector expects to send his report to the Secretary of State by 28 September. The Secretary of State's decision is expected by 30 November. It was agreed that PV should liaise with Save Swiss Cottage, with local councillors (especially Councillors Marshall and Leyland) and with MPs Zac Goldsmith and Tulip Siddiq with a view to asking the Secretary of State to receive a deputation.

b) **Sir Richard Steele pub.** The borough solicitor had upheld the Camden Council decision to designate this pub as an asset of community value following the BRA nomination. The owners had now appealed to the First Tier Tribunal. The BRA, as the nominator, may need to appear at the hearing, which was expected around the end of the year.

c) **Belsize Square Synagogue.** The Synagogue were consulting on options on plans for development. A BRA member had expressed concern about the proposals. The committee would not expect to comment until plans were actually submitted for approval, but noted that vigilance would be required over potential loss of green space, and over architectural merit.

d) **Basements.** Camden Council were seeking to gather evidence about damage from basement developments. AS will send a general email to members asking them to respond.

e) Comments and Objections

2015/4514/P 17 Top Floor Lambolle Road	2015/4470/P BP House, 59-60 Belsize Park
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f) No objections

2015/4568/P	2015/4706/P
2015/4789/P	2015/2005/L
2015/4442/P	2015/2505/P

4) Trees

a) Objections and Comments since July 2015 (2)

29 Crossfield Road - fell gleditsia in front	28 Belsize Lane - fell sycamore at rear, contrary to undertaking
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b) No Objections (22)

113-115 Haverstock Hill	29 Belsize Park Gardens
1 Lambolle Road	20 Daleham Gardens
9 Maresfield Gardens	63a Belsize Lane
82 Lawn Road	146 Fellows Road
56 Belsize Park	17 Maresfield Gardens
16 Adamson Road	99 Haverstock Hill
31 Glenloch Road	148 Haverstock Hill
10 Perceval Avenue	69 Haverstock Hill
St. Peter's Church, Belsize Square	25 Belsize Crescent
St. Christopher's School, 32 Belsize Lane	20 Eton Villas
19 Eton Villas	45 Netherhall Gardens

5) Finance:

- a) The accounts for July and August were noted and approved.
- b) 100 Avenue Road income and expenditure. Noted that the appeal had brought in £15,400 to date. Expenditure (including VAT) had been £24,148. 80. There were no outstanding invoices and no more were expected. Legal costs had been £10,200, and experts' fees and other expenses £13,948. Noted that had the BRA enjoyed charitable status some £4,000 in VAT should have been recoverable, and gift aid on donations might have increased their value by perhaps 25%.

6) Events

- a) Some 9 people were expected to attend the Open House viewing on 20 October. **AS** will confirm to the members concerned and send the list to John Duggan.
- b) Historical walk. **PV** will further explore the possibility of a historical walk this autumn.
- c) Meeting with Councillors. **JF** is contacting councillors with a range of dates.
- d) Belsize Carols. This should be on 19 December. **AS** will confirm with the musicians

7) Website

The Committee viewed the proposed new website and expressed its thanks to Luke Collins for the photos, one of which was chosen for the heading. It was hoped the website would be up in the next few days. **PV** will write to Kathy Klauss to express his thanks for her work on the previous site.

8) Publications

- a) Tradesmen You Can Trust: This is now ready for printing. Peter Woodford was thanked for compiling it, Pat Scholefield for checking the tradesmen's numbers and JT for her work in formatting it. It should be available for 9th May to be distributed with the Newsletter

- b) Newsletter. The August newsletter had been produced and distributed without problems. Thanks were expressed to Alex Crisp. The committee and members were encouraged to draw to Alex's attention items that might be included in future issues.

9) Membership

One new member since July.

10) Any Other Business

A member had written to ask for advice about nuisance from seagulls in Glenilla Road. It appeared that since Herring Gulls are a protected species little can be done to discourage them. However, the RSPB recommended that care be taken not to leave rubbish and food accessible to them, since opportunities for food encourage them. There was also a problem with foxes and rats accessing rubbish. Linda Grove, a member, had been in contact with an officer of Camden Council about this, and it was suggested she be asked to write an article for the next newsletter.

11) Date and Venue for next meeting.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13 October at 2nd Floor Flat 9 Lyndhurst Gardens** at 7.30 pm.