BELSIZE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 2nd Floor Flat 9 Lyndhurst Road, NW3

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alex Crisp; Gordon Curtis; Ann McLarty; Ruth Sands

2. Minutes of last meeting

- a. Agree September minutes: agreed
- b. Matters arising from September minutes not covered elsewhere: organisation of historical walk held over to next meeting

3. Planning

- a. 100 Avenue Road: Lobbying Secretary of State: The Inspector's report has gone to Sec of State. AS will forward the Save Swiss Cottage email message to our email list of members, and will let members know that SSCAG are still fundraising. PV has contacted Tulip Siddiq MP who responded that she has already written to Sec of State. JF has contacted Cllr Leyland with a view to meeting her about this and other matters.
- b. Steele's pub ACV appeal: The appeal has been lodged in the tribunal which has written to BRA about whether we wish to be joined to the appeal. The appeal is likely to be heard in January 2016. AS kindly volunteered to speak at the hearing on a script written by JF.
- c. Planning applications: PV had commented on 2015/2534/P 45 Lancaster Grove and considered the following applications without objection or comment:

2015/4385/P 17A Belsize Square

2015/5005/P 14B Belsize Square

2015/4901/P Flat A, 16 Adamson Road

2015/5060/P 5 Belsize Park

2015/5238/P 9 Belsize Park Mews

2015/4773/P 6 Glenmore Road.

2015/4758/P 75 Belsize Park Gardens

2015/5248/P 10 Crossfield Road

 d. HS2 update: Camden petitioners likely to be called to the Select Committee in Dec/Jan. LBC is running workshops for people called before the Committee.

ACTION: PV to ask LBC whether we are likely to be invited with other groups and whether we should be liaising with other local groups.

- e. Development of Lancaster Grove old Fire Station: CP had attended a meeting with the developers; her report of the meeting had been circulated. Initial indications suggest the proposal will be acceptable.
- f. Neighbourhood Forum: JF reported that the strong feelings about Swiss Cottage Open Space and the expertise built up over the course of the 100 Avenue Road appeal suggest that we should revive the idea of kick-starting a Neighbourhood Forum to protect the Open Space. Even though the

Open Space is on the edge of Belsize, it is plainly very important to residents of Belsize. NNA and SSCAG may be useful partners in starting a NF and the BRA should not do more than convene initial meetings.

ACTION: JF will speak to Cllr Leyland about whether it would be useful to progress the idea.

- g. Wash-up on any other planning matters to be reported:
 - -The Committee noted that antennae for mobile phones are planned for Belsize Park tube station roof in new chimneys.
 - Jessica Learmond-Criqui has called a meeting about Hampstead planning issues with LBC on Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 7pm at St Stephens **ACTION:** GC will be asked to attend.
- 4. **Trees:** Report on planning applications

Comments/objections: Nil

No objection:

70 Belsize Park Gardens

82 Belsiz Park Gardens

42 Belsize Avenue

29 Buckland Crescent

4 Glenilla Road

24-28 Buckland Crescent

10 Perceval Avenue

67 Haverstock Hill

35-36 Belsize Lane

66 Upper Park Road

8 Parkhill Road

56 Eton Avenue

32 Eton Avenue

35-36 Belsize Park

26 Akenside Court, Belsize Crescent (2 applications)

Belsize Court, Wedderburn Road

16 Eton Villas

35-36 Belsize Lane and 35-36 Belsize Park are basically the same property. The latter application concerns a tree with a TP.

5. **BRA Business**

a. Annual meeting with Councillors: It was agreed that this will take place on Sunday 29 November from 6pm to 8pm.

ACTION: JF will invite the relevant councillors.

6. **Events**

- a. BRA Coach House visit, Tuesday 20 October 2015: Eleven people are due to attend. JG will thank the owners on behalf of BRA.
- b. Transition Belsize Fair: This is now due to be take place on 28 November 2015.

ACTION: PV will ask for a stand.

AS will contact Luke Collins as to whether he would be willing to donate

photographs to BRA to convert into blank cards which could be sold as a fundraising effort.

JG will find out about printing costs and envelopes.

7. Finance

- a. Accounts for September 2015: Approved as circulated.
- b. Changes to operation of bank account: Santander has changed the way in which our account operates; it will be called a 'Treasurer's account'. A maximum of four signatories will be reduced to three signatories. Averil Nottage and Aileen Barry need to be removed, and Prabhat added. In terms of signing cheques, two signatures are presently required but we can change to one, which would enable internet banking.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The signatories should be NH, AS and PV.
- 2. The signing rule should be changed to one signatory only.
- c. 100 Avenue Road finalised details of spending on lawyers and experts: The Committee noted the finalised expenditure as circulated.
- d. 'Belsize Remembered' request for funding:

ACTION: PH to telephone the organisers to ascertain whether the project is advancing and viable.

8. Web site

a. Finalising of new web site: The new website exists. AS has instructions for use. The Committee thanked AS for all her hard work on establishing the site.

ACTION: AS will contact those Committee members who will take responsibility for content.

9. Publications

a. Newsletter: PV will write up planning issues and Transition Belsize Square; JG to write up the Coach House; the carols should be advertised (19 December).

The deadline for copy is 26 October 2015; printing will be on 10 November 2015.

10. Membership

- a. Membership changes, September 2015 : 3 new members.
- 11. Any Other Business: None
- 12. Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday 10 November 2015; venue: 14C Belsize Square