

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

Prabhat Vaze (Chair); Judith Farbey; Judith Gubbay; Neil Harris; Pat Holden; Ann McLarty; Consuelo Phelan; Anne Stevens; Sheila Wrigglesworth

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alex Crisp, Ruth Sands

2. **Minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Agree October minutes: CP sent her apologies for the last meeting.
 - b. Matters arising from October minutes not covered elsewhere: none

3. **Planning**
 - a. Steele's pub ACV appeal: AS reported that there is no date yet for the tribunal hearing. JF will draft the written case in time for lodging it this week. Documents will need to be filed 4 weeks in advance of the hearing. We are in the process of obtaining witness evidence.
 - b. Belsize Square Synagogue planning application: We are awaiting the application to be put on Camden website, and GC will consider it.
 - c. HS2 Committee: next steps: There was concern among the Committee that it will be hard to team up with other organisations, who do not cover our area.
ACTION:
JF will contact relevant petitioners with a view to joining up where possible.
 - d. Planning applications: PV reported that there were no comments made this month, having considered the following:

2015/5844/P	
2015/6091/L	61A Eton Avenue
2015/5644/P	9 Belsize Square
2015/5525/P	32 Belsize Park
2015/5187/P	4 Belsize Park Gardens
2015/5587/P	119 Haverstock
 - e. Neighbourhood Forum: JF had met Cllr Leyland who is keen to hold a preliminary meeting as a follow-on to an Area Action Group meeting. JF told her that BRA would like to be represented at the meeting.
ACTION:
JF will put this on the agenda for the councillors' meeting.
 - f. Wash-up on any other planning matters to be reported: (i) It seems that the 100 Avenue Road decision has been delayed for one month; (ii) We have been asked by the owner's representative to drop our objection to the planning application for 11 Rosslyn Hill: we will maintain our objection and so need not respond to the letter.

4. **Trees:** Report on planning applications
CP reported:
Objections/comments: 2
71 Haverstock Hill - fell chestnut in front garden
34 Belsize Park Gardens - fell false acacia (robinia) in front garden

No objection:

9 Belsize Square
5-7 Lambolle Road
8 Lancaster Drive
4 Lancaster Drive
32 Daleham Gardens
30 Daleham Gardens
6 Maresfield Gardens
8 Maresfield Gardens
28 Belsize Lane
31 Lyndhurst Road
1 Belsize Park
40 Netherhall Gardens
241 Haverstock Hill
14 Belsize Lane
31 Glenloch Road
22 Glenmore Road
28 Lambolle Road
33 Downside Crescent (2 applications)
Ornan Court, 2 Ornan Road
13 Steele's Road
12 Lawn Road

5. **Community and Environment:** PH reported:
- (i) Camden had been working on a house near her which involved leaving a skip in an allocated parking space for a lengthy period. She had complained to Cllr Leyland, but street mess and skips should be raised at the councillors meeting not least because it is hard to know who to complain to; and
 - (ii) Belsize Library seems to be used as a children's play area not a library – to be raised at the councillors meeting.
 - (iii) The Winch is crowdfunding to start an inter-generational project at the Library and has also started a community links project to bring people in North Camden together.
6. **BRA Business**
- a. Annual meeting with Councillors, 29 November 6pm – 8pm, topics for discussion: As above and in addition: 100 Avenue Road; basements.
 - b. BRA Greetings Cards: The design, shape and size were agreed as circulated by JG.
ACTION:
 - (i) JG to order 200 cards with a view to selling 40x5.
 - (ii) To be flagged in February newsletter.
 - (iii) NH will store them.
7. **Events**
- a. Carols, 19 December at 4.30 pm: We will need marshals and others to assist.
ACTION:
 - NH to check the terms of our event insurance.
 - JG to design a poster.
 - b. AGM 2016: advance planning including timing of any application for charitable status:
ACTION:
 - PV to produce a paper for consideration of charitable status at next meeting, including options for considering a model constitution.

8. **Finance**

- a. Accounts for October 2015: Approval held over to next meeting. £500 has been donated to Save Swiss Cottage Action Group towards the cost of experts for 100 Avenue Road.

ACTION:

£100 each to be donated to the Village and to Haverstock Hill Christmas lights.

PV will check with organisers about attribution.

- b. 'Belsize Remembered' – request for funding: PH contacted the organisers who are looking for funds for publication. We may consider a donation when it is ready for publication.

9. **Publications**

- a. Newsletter: The newsletter is being printed. RS was concerned that the distribution schedule was not clear and not feasible. It was agreed that there should be an annual schedule circulated to all relevant people.

ACTION:

JG to **circulate** the old schedule as a model.

10. **Membership**

- a. Membership changes, October 2015: Two new members.

11. **Any Other Business:** CP had been informed by Bettina Metcalfe about recent successful local tree walks.

ACTION:

CP to enquire whether Bettina Metcalfe could lead a tree walk in Belsize.

12. **Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday 8 December 2015; venue: 94A Belsize Lane, NW3**