

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8 December 2015
at 94A Belsize Lane, NW3

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

1. **Apologies for absence: Alex Crisp**

2. **Minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Agree November minutes: Agreed
 - b. Matters arising from November minutes not covered elsewhere: CP is due to contact Bettina re local tree walk

3. **Planning**
 - a. HS2 Committee hearing: PV will appear at the Committee on 16 December 2015, after the Adelaide Nature Reserve and with four other people. Camden has achieved a number of important concessions that our petition sought but the agreements about traffic, the Adelaide Road green site and use of low emission construction vehicles are too broadly worded to give much comfort. PV will speak to the petition lodged by BRA but will add some words about congestion. PV explained timings on the day.
 - b. Steele's pub ACV appeal: update and obtaining evidence: The owner of the pub has lodged its reply to our case. JF will consider whether a further reply from BRA is warranted. It is important to gather documentary evidence about the use of the pub for meetings.
ACTION:
AS will include a request for documents about use of the Steele's in the next all members email.
 - c. Belsize Square Synagogue planning application and local petition against development: A petition will be presented to the synagogue next week saying that the proposals are an over-development. PV asked for a volunteer from the Committee to liaise with the petition organisers.
ACTION:
PV will find out the date on which the petition will be presented and will circulate it to the Committee with a view to someone going along.
 - d. The Hall School: The school wishes to redevelop the site in Crossfield Road and has asked to speak to the BRA about it. AS has replied to say that we do not generally meet developers prior to an application for PP.
 - e. Planning applications: PV reported:
Will comment (awaiting some further information before hitting send)
2015/6106/P 22 Lancaster Grove
No comment
2015/5966/P 7 Strathray Gardens
2015/5862/P Flats 1
and 2; 7 Strathray Gardens
2015/5480/P 26 & 2015/6471/L Belsize Grove
2015/5911/P 15 Buckland Crescent
2015/5912/P 15 Buckland Crescent

- f. Neighbourhood Forum: BAAG meeting on 26 January 2016: for noting and discussion
ACTION:
AS will publicise the meeting in the next all members email.
- g. Wash-up on any other planning matters to be reported: 22 Buckland Crescent: Solicitors contacted AS for support in proving when unauthorised work to a dormer was undertaken. It does seem hard to assist save that AS will ask Gordon Maclean if he has any memory of this building work.
4. **Trees:** Report on planning applications
Objections/comments: 3
63 Belsize Park Gardens - front, fell eucalyptus, replace with field maple
23 Belsize Avenue - remove elder
16 Netherhall Gardens (Southbank International School) - fell horse chestnut
- No objection: 12
25 Belsize Avenue
28 Lyndhurst Road
13 Steele's Road
The Gables, 56 Netherhall Gardens
1 Akenside Road
50 Belsize Avenue
69 Belsize Park Gardens
Hillfield Court, Belsize Avenue
35a Steele's Road
33a Belsize Crescent
10 Daleham Gardens
18 Buckland Crescent
5. **Community and Environment:**
(i) The Winch has written to Historic England to oppose the listing of BCL as it would constrain the development of the building as a community venue.
ACTION:
PV will contact the Chairman of the Friends of BCL to discuss pros and cons of listing.
(ii) There is a Camden consultation on which parks should and should not close at night.
ACTION:
PH to respond.
6. **BRA Business**
None this month
7. **Events**
a. Carols, 19 December at 4.30 pm: AS is in the process of organising this event.
ACTION:
JG will provide posters to NH for circulation to local shops and to CP to put up in Swiss Cottage Library (15 in total).
b. AGM 2016, 6 March 2016: advance planning including timing of any application for charitable status; and ideas for a speaker
ACTION:
(i) PV and AS to produce a draft constitution and a document on pros and cons of becoming a charity for next meeting;

(ii) Speaker to be deferred to next agenda

8. **Finance**

- a. Accounts for October and November 2015: November accounts were approved; October accounts to be circulated by email for approval.
- b. Further Changes to Bank Signatories: There are errors on our current signatories. In addition to the changes agreed at the November meeting, the Committee agreed that we also need to remove Jill Tyrrell and Annette Stevens as signatories. This last is in fact a duplication anyway of Anne Stevens who remains as an account signatory.

ACTION:

Neil Harris will ask the Bank to remove Jill Tyrrell and Annette Stevens as signatories.

- c. Further donations: Donation to the Haverstock Hill Christmas lights of £100 was agreed.

9. **Publications**

- a. Newsletter: JG will send a schedule of production dates to PV who will then liaise with AC and AM about progressing future editions out of committee. PV will ask AC whether she can manage to attend Committee meetings every three months.

10. **Membership**

- a. Membership changes, November 2015: Two new members and one resignation.

11. **Any Other Business:** The BRA cards have arrived and were inspected. NH will store the cards til the AGM.

12. **Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday 12 January 2016; venue: 14C Belsize Square**