

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9 February 2016
at Flat 2, 23 Belsize Park, NW3

Prabhat Vaze (Chair); Judith Farbey; Judith Gubbay; Neil Harris; Consuelo Phelan; Ruth Sands; Anne Stevens; Sheila Wrigglesworth

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alex Crisp, Pat Holden

2. **Minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Agree January minutes: Agreed
 - b. Matters arising from January minutes not covered elsewhere: None

3. **Planning**
 - a. Planning applications:
Comments on (3):
2015/5059/P 35A Buckland Crescent
2015/6692/P 27A Lambolle Road
2016/0178/P Britannia Hotel, Primrose Hill Road

No comments on (10):
2016/0470/P 26 Lower Merton Rise
2016/0022/P 1 Belsize Park
2016/0273/P 146 Fellows Road
2016/0375/P 25 Crossfield Rd
2015/6676/P 29 Howitt Road
2016/0351/P 55 Lanacaster Road
2015/7149/P Flat B, 41 England's Lane
2015/7174/P 80 Belsize Park Garden
2015/7178/P Belsize Square
2015/6791/P 12 Daleham Mews
ACTION:
PV will search the Camden website about an application for banners on Haverstock Hill reported by a member.
 - b. Steele's pub ACV appeal: update and next steps including publicity: The appeal hearing will take place on 3 March 2016 at 10:00am. The BRA witness statements have been submitted to the tribunal.
ACTION:
PV will draft a press release for submission to the H&H and the CNJ.
 - c. Neighbourhood Forum: BAAG meeting on 26 January 2016: JF and SW reported that the meeting had considered the intuitive boundary of Belsize that might form the boundary of a potential NF. There was discussion about whether Winchester Road or other parts of Swiss Cottage might be included and how CIL money might be spent, with no conclusions reached. The Committee noted that local groups in Belsize tend to be issue-specific rather than being concerned with cross-neighbourhood development.
 - d. Wash-up on any other planning matters to be reported:
 - (i) Camden Local Plan: The proposed Plan has been circulated following the earlier consultation exercise. Comments are invited on the current version.
ACTION:

- (i) The AGM should be encouraged to send in any comments.
- (ii) BRA will respond by expressing concern on bio-diversity and eco grounds that massive and bulky extensions and outbuildings are being permitted in back gardens. We will also reiterate concern that HMOs are being converted into single house dwellings, given the present housing crisis.

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

Comments/objections: 1

16 Netherhall Gardens - Rear: fell two field maples, replant with magnolia and two eleagnus, at boundary, to provide evergreen screening.

No objection: 7

10a Belsize Park

7 Crossfield Road

12 Steele's Road

13 Steele's Road

23 Lambolle Road

5 Netherhall Gardens (South Hampstead School)

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5. **Community and Environment:**

- a. Consultation on Abacus School: PH has submitted an agreed form of words about the catchment area etc.

6. **BRA Business**

- a. Next year's Committee – nominations:

ACTION:

AS will email members encouraging people to stand for the Committee, together with a reminder of BRA's achievements over the last year.

7. **Events**

- a. AGM 2016, 6 March 2016:

ACTION:

(i) AS will organise people to check people's membership on the door

(ii) NH will bring the BRA greetings cards divided into groups of five in elastic bands. JF will check the price.

(iii) SW will organise tea and cakes.

(iv) NH will ask Jill T whether she is willing to be the auditor next year.

(v) AS will bring the sound system to PV who will bring it to the AGM.

- b. Garden party:

ACTION:

JF will contact DB about hosting it so as not to clash with Wimbledon.

- c. Helpers event to be combined with either local get together or new members event: It was agreed that the helpers and new members event be combined. PV has been liaising with Diana who is willing to host on Sunday 20 March.

ACTION:

PV to confirm the date with Diana.

8. **Finance**

- a. Accounts for January 2016: Approved

ACTION:

NH and AS will carry out a reconciliation between total sums received in subscriptions and the number of members on the database.

- b. Further Changes to Bank Signatories: NH reported that he has received a letter saying that the request for changes to signatories is being processed by the bank.

ACTION:

NH will contact the bank in the next few days to confirm progress

9. **Publications**

- a. Newsletter: The February newsletter has gone for printing together with the AGM papers.

ACTION:

PV will ensure that the excess AGM papers are brought to the AGM.

10. **Membership**

- a. Membership changes, January 2016: 3 new members

- 11. **Any Other Business:** JG circulated a Police leaflet about simple anti-burglary measures. Such information could be included in a future newsletter. JG is also happy to launch a Belsize Photography Competition.

- 12. **Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday 8 March 2016; venue: 14C Belsize Square**