

KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (KRA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 27 JUNE 2019 AT WILLETT HOUSE

INTRODUCTORY TALK BY ALISA IGOE (ASHFIELD LANE ROAD SAFETY GROUP) AND MARK BUNKER (CHISLEHURST SAFER STREETS)

After an interesting presentation by Alisa Igoe and Mark Bunker about road safety in Chislehurst, the meeting was formally opened.

PRESENT:

Officers: David Viles Chairman
 Tony Burrett Vice Chairman
 Wendy Hadler-Cash Treasurer

Committee members:
 Tony Allen Avril GreatRex Lin Limbrey Ian Mc Alister Alec
McTavish

Apologies: Vinod Khanna Secretary
 Mandy Clark

The Chairman welcomed around 20 members to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Michael and Marjorie Hollingsworth (Worsley Grange) and Terry Meredith (acting Independent Examiner).

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2018

There were no matters arising. Therefore, on a motion proposed by Tony Allen and seconded by Joanna Friel that they be agreed, the minutes were approved unanimously as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 CHAIRMANS' REPORT

The Chairman referred members to the report/newsletter already circulated and highlighted the following points:

- *Speeding in Ashfield Lane:* The efforts of the Ashfield Lane Road Safety Group to reduce speeding, and the support given by Association members, were noted and applauded. Members would be informed by e-mail of future

demonstrations if Bromley Council continued to take no action, and were encouraged to support them.

- *The Amenity Strip*: The Committee had received a number of favourable comments about the new wooden pole barrier at the junction with Ashfield Lane, which was the first stage in a scheme to improve this area (see item 8 below). Overhanging branches would be trimmed and dead trees removed over the summer.
- *White lines along the edge of the roadway* mean 'no parking' for safety reasons. The Association has no power to enforce these markings because Kemnal Road is a public highway and only Bromley Council can lay down enforceable road markings. Therefore, everyone's co-operation is requested to help enhance the safety of all road users.
- *Gardening*: The gardening contractor appointed last year has kept the road clean and tidy, particularly during times of maximum leaf fall when they carry out double visits every month.

The Chairman thanked all the officers and Committee members for their commitment and support during the year.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Income and Expenditure account for the year to 5 April 2019 were circulated. Wendy Hadler-Cash said that the vast majority of residents had paid their annual subscriptions (amounting to over £10,000 in 2018/19, as since the accounts were finalised a block of apartments had paid their fees). The Association had a healthy bank/cash balance of over £40,000. The accounts had been examined and found to be in order by the acting Independent Examiner, Mr. Terry Meredith.

The Chairman thanked Wendy for her hard work in collecting subscriptions and keeping the finances in good order during the year.

5 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO 5 APRIL 2019

On a proposal by John Sennett, seconded by Lin Limbrey, the accounts were approved unanimously.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

In the absence of the Secretary, Avril GreatRex took the Chair. **There being no other nominations, it was resolved unanimously that David Viles be re-appointed as Chairman for 2019/20.**

David reassumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting and asked if anyone present wished to stand for the positions of Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. He

said that Tony Burrett and Wendy Hadler-Cash were willing to continue in their present respective positions.

David proposed that Tony Burrett be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Avril GreatRex. There being no other nominations, **it was agreed unanimously that Tony Burrett be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman.**

David proposed that Wendy-Hadler-Cash be re-appointed as Treasurer. This was seconded by Vinita Mothersole. There being no other nominations, **it was agreed unanimously that Wendy Hadler-Cash be re-appointed as Treasurer.**

David said that as there were no nominations for the post of Secretary, he would act in this role on a temporary basis, as an expression of interest had been received from a resident who it was hoped could be co-opted onto the Committee to fulfil this role.

David asked if there were any members who wished to join the Committee or stand down from it. He was pleased that all the other existing Committee members agreed to remain. He therefore proposed the re-appointment of Tony Allen, Avril GreatRex, Vinod Khanna, Lin Limbrey Ian McAlister and Alec McTavish to the Committee. This was seconded by Alice Sennett and **approved unanimously.**

David added that Michael Hollingsworth, a retired solicitor living at Worsley Grange, had offered to join the Committee, and he proposed that he be appointed. This was seconded by Ian McAlister and **approved unanimously.**

David then asked for the agreement of the meeting to the appointment of Mr T Meredith as Independent Examiner. All present were happy with this appointment, so Mr Meredith's appointment was accepted unanimously. The meeting recorded its appreciation of Mr P Grierson's work in this role over many years.

Confirmation of these re-appointments (David Viles as Chairman, Tony Burrett as Vice-Chairman and Wendy Hadler-Cash as Treasurer), with effect from 27 June 2019:

Signature:

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Name: David Viles

Name: Wendy-Hadler-Cash

Position: Chairman

Position: Treasurer

Date: 27 June 2019

27 June 2019

7 TO APPROVE ROAD FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019/20

in response to a question, it was confirmed that residents of flats were asked to pay the same as residents of houses – ie. £40 per household. Bearing in mind the likely cost of extensive drain repairs, it was confirmed unanimously (on the motion of Richard Babington, seconded by Lin Limbrey) that, in the light of the Treasurer's

report, the contribution should remain at the current level of a minimum of £40 per household.

8 TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE BY THE TRUSTEES OF UP TO £2,000 FOR THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE AMENITY STRIP IN 2019/20

The Chairman introduced the present Trustees of the Amenity Strip – Tony Allen, Tony Burritt, Avril GreatRex and himself. The Trustees had received financial compensation from BT Openreach for the installation of their broadband cabinets on the Amenity Strip which had gone most of the way to paying for the installation of the wooden post fence at the Ashfield lane junction; other than this, the Trustees had no sources of income. He therefore proposed that members approve up to £2,000 from the Association's funds to complete the second stage of the improvement, consisting of the felling of small trees, the planting of robust shrubs and the laying of a membrane and bark groundcover behind the new fence, together with planting of bushes to block space in the roadside foliage to deter tipping. This was seconded by Alec McTavish and **approved unanimously**.

9 OPEN DISCUSSION – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON ANY OTHER TOPICS OF CURRENT CONCERN

There was discussion regarding the lack of white lines to deter parking along the edge of the bend north of Marlowe Close, where vehicles sometimes parked in a potentially hazardous position. The Chairman said that the Committee would consider this.

David thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also thanked Selwood House for providing the venue.

Meeting ended: 9.15pm