

# **St. Stephen's Road Residents' Association** **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 05/07/2018**

Present      Chairperson:                      Moira Newlan (MN)

                 Steering Group Members:      Winston Gordon (WG), Rajan Mendis (RM), Tessa Archbold (TA) Sharan Puri (SP), Chris Hern (CH) Cheryl Young (CY) Maria Walbyoff (MW)

                 Apologies:                              Jane Joseph (JJ), Jenn Craythorne (JC) currently helping away from meetings

                 In Attendance:                              Jacqui Withall, (JW), Shelia Thomas, (SH), Sam Thomas, Hasam A. Ayib, Joe Quigley, Deborah Samuel, Hannah Samuel, H and S Briar, Manoj Ambasna, Sunita Ambasna, Sandra Bishop, Leslie Hill, Kennth Cosstick, Cllr Vickram Grewal, Ian Doulines, Ravi Dutta, Promila Dutta.

Agenda Item #	Description	Summary of Discussion and Decision
1	Welcome & Apologies	MN welcomed those present. The requirement for 6 members to be present was met. A comprehensive annual review was circulated to all those in attendance, the contents of which were discussed where residents has questions, concerns or further issues.
2	Planning and Housing	MN outlined a clear sentiment of frustration with the council on enforcing planning breaches in the conservation area and indeed where the residents' association had brought planning breaches to the attention of the council, but was advised that no enforcement action would be taken.  However new developments that had been successfully opposed consisted new modified development to turn no.39 into 3 flats and no 318. Hanworth road proposition for a 9-flat conversion.  Sunita brought attention to a couple of properties on St Stephen's road for their character and hedging and

		also where front walls had been broken down without opposition.
3	Conservation Area Status	Sean Bannister has been working hard on an appraisal which was sent out to the all residents in relation to an article 4 implementation plan to preserve those heritage characteristics which have not deemed to be too far lost. The line between what is too far lost and what can be still preserved is not clear cut. It may be front boundary walls being protected by not front doors.
4	Paving	<p>MN had circulated the email with final report on the resurfacing work by Sabeel. She said that didn't have the energy to fight it any more. Universal decision from the Steering Group that MN and committee had fought the paving issue as much as possible.</p> <p>The large majority of residents were in unanimous agreement that the paving was not satisfactory especially in a conservation area. Excessive areas of tarmac have completely ruined the aesthetics of what is one of only three conservation areas in Hounslow. MN suggested that this could be used as a voting incentive.</p>
5	Treasurer's Report	Not discussed.
6	Website	The new website was a major achievement for the residents' association, providing a new method for people to communicate information and be more in touch with their residents' association.
7	CPZ	Those in attendance were largely in support that parking in an issue in the neighbourhood. There was a range of views – those being in favour of a CPZ and some not, some in favour of other alternatives. It was agreed to set up a small working group with representation across RA area to work through/explore issues first. The main concern for implementing this, is the predicted loss of front gardens and front walls. Planning enforcement are not acting upon breaches currently being reported. If a CPZ consultation occurs, what reassurance will we get that front walls won't disappear when incentives for this are higher. Specific parking restrictions need to be agreed.
8	Neighborhood Watch	WG reported from his meeting with the Safer Neighborhood Team, two weeks ago. Not much news from our ward, but planned introduction of super-boroughs, will mean Hounslow combining with Hillingdon and Ealing. Unclear as to how this will affect Police numbers in Hounslow, but Hounslow Police station is to

		<p>stay open. Reassurance from PC Tony O'Brien, our ward PC, that he has been patrolling around our area. He urged for an increasingly vigilant neighborhood watch team to highlight crime in the area. WG requested residents to report abandoned car to fix my street.</p> <p>The camera in the alleyway to the station has been removed, however this was not working anyway. WG commented on the amount of rubbish dumped in the alleyway and lack of regular cleaning from the council. WG to ask for the bin back as it is a hotspot for rubbish and dog fouling. CP reported that the area is also a hotspot for drug dealing as well.</p>
9	AOB	
10	Changes to constitution	<p>MN reiterated that throughout the year it was increasingly difficult to reach a quorum at all meetings over the year, (conflicting schedules, family commitments, sense that 'others' will be present. Discussion over % drop in the quorum number that was currently at 6. 4 was suggested, however MN was concerned over this not being very representative. 5 was accepted.</p>