

KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 506th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
13th October 2015, Held at Kenley Memorial Hall, Godstone Road, Kenley

Present: Chair: Chris Stanley; John Davenport, Geoff James, Phil Royse, Marilyn Poulton and Anthony Lewis. Councillors None.

Apologies: Mike Van der Vord, Richard Cowper, Police, Councillors

The meeting was quorate.

506.1.1 Minutes of the meeting 505 held on the 8th of September 2015 were agreed.

506.1.2 Action Points from the previous meetings:

Geoff J 496.3.1 research the commercial email sending services. Action pending until website and online subscription problems solved. On hold until website database is produced.

Chris S 497.3.29 Write/email John Carr to thank him for the list of WW1 service personnel and request if we could use or publish this.

491.3.9 Draft a welcome letter/pack for Road Stewards to hand to new residents.

Richard C 499.3.3.1 Feedback on National Rail progress on the New Barn Lane footbridge, from the ESTC meeting on 11th March. RC believes that the bridge has been surveyed and remedial actions have taken place. RC reported that Southern Railway will be discussing this at the next ESTC meeting.

505.3.6 Raise subject of no central white lines on A22 at the ESTC and report back.

505.3.4 Prepare a report on OLL bridge repairs for the winter newsletter.

Mike V 499.3.4 Contact Philip Clifton to ask if he would be interested in becoming an Area Steward. Also to see if he would organise a petition regarding white lines on Hornchurch Hill to prevent parking across driveways. MVV will pass his contact details to CS.

Anthony L 505.3.9 Draft letter to be sent to Area Stewards asking if any of their Road Stewards would be available to help with distributing SmartWater kits.

No updates on these were offered

506.2.1 Council & Police Matters

- a. The councillors were not present as they were due to attend the later public general meeting (GM)
- b. No Police were present so no police reports or updates were offered.

506.3 NEW, and ONGOING, BUSINESS

506.3.1 Residents Associations meeting held on 8th October 2015

CS: Chris had attended this meeting as vicechairman of KENDRA and reported:

The previous meeting, held just before the elections in May, had not been attended by conservative councillors to avoid any adverse election-related issues.

The 8th September meeting was productive, useful and worth attending; some 30 RA chairs/representatives came.

- 1) **The 20mph speed restriction zones** (of which there are five); the process for LBC to decide is that of an informal consultation – seeking views – before a final decision will be made on each zone. There will be no advertising of any arrangements for the informal consultation, but our Councillors will keep us informed when they learn of these.

GJ: stated that he has spoken with the police who confirmed that LB Southwark have implemented full 20mph and it is generally regarded as a success; but this is not defined, however the meeting agreed that it is likely to result in fewer accidents and injuries from these and generally perceived lower speeds throughout.

CS said that the police had stated they would not enforce the speed restriction, except in situations where the driver concerned was being reported for one or more other road traffic offences (such as driving without a seat belt, using a mobile device, careless driving etc.)

- 2) **Croydon Local Plan;** consultations will take place between 6th November and 18th December 2015. It must conform to the overall London Plan. The second part contains

detailed local plans. The councillors had reported that there appeared to be some threats to the Green Belt. Three travellers' sites had been nominated in the Plan, mostly around the Coombe Road area. There was nothing in the Plan on housing.

AL said that the national rules no longer enforced the number of affordable homes for rent in any new development; this could impact the infrastructure requirements in local areas. CS continued by stating the Local Plan contained amendments to the rules on garden grabbing (infills). The rules for Local Areas of Special Character (LASCs) were being tightened so some will fall out of the net and not be considered further. The Local Plan also contained rules to protect pubs from development and to stop too many care homes being built/developed in any area.

- 3) Brighton Main Line II (BMLII) is being resurrected as the mayor had just allocated £100k to a feasibility study; the BMLII had been proposed a few years ago and comprises an additional railway line to/from Brighton starting in N. Croydon, passing under Croham and emerging in the S. Croydon/Purley area, which might affect Kenley. It was agreed we need to remain aware of progress on this.

4) **The Green Garden Waste removal service.**

CS reported that LBC are considering discontinuing this; there is also consideration on whether the service could be sustained for a household charge of around £1 per week (equivalent to £50 to £60 p.a.), provided approx. 18,000 households signed up. The KENDRA committee agreed that it would not object to paying for the service, but we would object to any proposal for the removal of the service. There is also the possibility of the replacement of the green and blue boxes by a single recycling wheelie bin for all recycling material combined.

MP: she had spoken to Councillor Stuart Collins who was not confident that 18,000 households would sign up; however, he suggested the service may be resurrected after a delay of perhaps up to a year.

506.3.2 **Croydon Community Consortium (CCC)** meeting, held at KMH on 20th September 2015. CS: this was not well attended, only 18 people came, of whom 6 were from Kenley. It was chaired by Elizabeth Ash; local issues in general were discussed but there were no action points or outcomes. CS will not attend any further meetings.

506.3.3 **Accidents at Hayes Lane / Godstone Road junction:** this was discussed and it was agreed that the junction was generally dangerous and regrettably, accidents are likely to continue. MP: stated that the most recent one was caused by a driver being blinded by the sun, so this could not be blamed on the junction layout.

Many parents walk their children over the raised table across Hayes Lane; however, this was very close to Godstone Road and made more dangerous to pedestrians by the entrance to the Co-Op being adjacent. Some drivers cut through the Co-Op car park to take a short cut from Godstone Road to Hayes Lane.

MP stated that there are plans by TfL to extend the double red line parking restrictions just south of the one-way exit road to Godstone Road (Station Road), plus increasing the number of parking spaces outside KMH all the way to the old police station.

It was agreed that this would make it safer for drivers to use that one-way exit road to turn out on to Godstone Road, which, if used more, would take some pressure off the Hayes Lane junction.

CS questioned whether traffic lights should be installed; these were generally agreed; JD added there was only a need for these during the busy periods. As no firm consensus could be reached by the committee at this stage it was agreed to consider the matter and options further. In any case, there would be a consultation before any plans were developed, so it should be raised on LinkedIn and put on the website for discussion by interested members.

506.3.4 **20mph Speed restriction Zones:** this was discussed earlier under the RA meeting

- 506.3.5 **Green Garden Waste collection:** this was discussed earlier under the RA meeting
- 506.3.6 **Updating the Email facilities with MailChimp:** Geoff James has implemented the free version of this software and is adding all existing email addresses to it. It is an excellent programme which has a lot of useful features for KENDRA to use both now and in the future. It is free until 12,000 emails are being sent each month and there are 1,000 email addresses. Thereafter the costs to KENDRA would be around £11/12 per month; however, this would show it was being well used and of much benefit to members. It is self managing insofar as each member can register their own email address, name, address etc. and can set their own preferences for categories for different types of email to receive. Self registration encourages postcodes to be added which improves data quality; GJ is working on integrating the list with the membership database which will enable membership status to be verified. CS: It will be important to integrate the mailing list with the website, so that news, stories, articles etc. appearing on the website could also be sent via the email list. Also the website could publicise the email list and invite members to self-register. GJ: stated that this could raise the problem of non-residents and others not entitled to join registering to receive emails. It would be a nuisance purging them, and a further problem as they could always re-register. He is considering ways to avoid this potential problem. He would like more content to be developed by other volunteers for mailing out as currently the key content and the driver for the mailing list for many members is the Planning Table.
- 506.3.7 **Hawkhurst Road Travellers:** AL stated that a key issue is to stress the community complaints are related to anti-social behaviour, not just as planning permission/appeal objections. GJ: The travellers are likely to be fabricating registration plates as two of the vehicles are not recognised on the DVLA number database, accessible via their website. The police are not taking action over this issue on the grounds that it is a DVLA matter, but the DVLA are not responding to complaints from HEPA & others. He has spoken to HEPA to improve the ASB logs and has been asked to assist them to prepare the case for objecting to the appeal.
- 506.3.12 **LMD Waste, enforcement actions, noise:** AL stated that all incidents and complaints needed to be recorded in order to use the Community Trigger, whereby if there are sufficient reports, then the local authority (Tandridge District Council) are obliged to act.
- 506.3.13 **SmartWater update:** CS stated that it was disappointing there have been no offers of help from members for distributing the kits, putting a lot onto AL's shoulders. PR and GJ offered to help. AL: There have been several referrals from the police. AL has distributed 25 kits so far. He (or any volunteer calling with the kit) need each referral letter to speak to the householder when they visit, also for them to sign for it. Several have not been in when he has called. There have been 5 referrals for vulnerable residents from neighbourhood watch coordinators. AL has just received 9 street signs for SmartWater. These need fixing to lampposts etc; but as they come with steel bands and clips, they can be affixed using a large screwdriver.
- 506.3.19 **Purley Hospital:** CS has prepared a briefing document for the governing body of the Croydon Clinical Commissioning group for their meeting on 3rd November ahead of their decision meeting on 1st December.
- 506.3.27 **AOB:** MP said that Russell Priestley, leader of the Scout group asked to pass his apologies for the overgrown state of the flower bed which the scouts had planted. He had asked the KMH trustees if they could fund some strong weedkiller to clear the overgrown area. They refused on the grounds that they had not wanted the flowers laid in that area.

MP also said that leaflets (Croydon Crime Prevention) had been made available for all the shops in Norfolk Parade; but these were not available elsewhere and appear not to have been widely issued to others. AL said he would ask PC Joe D'Silva about these and if they would be suitable to distribute more widely to the membership.

GJ stated that there was a planning application for 34 Hilltop Road to operate a Caribbean food service with home delivery, which had just passed the consultation stage. He stated that the Hungry Horse website had listed this business as being home delivery and takeaway, i.e. a collection service, which requires a different form of planning application (usually because some form of shopfront is required or expected for customers). GJ said he intended to do a test purchase to see if indeed the business did allow collections. This would enable a challenge to the planning permission and the obligation for the business to limit their offering to home deliveries.

MP reminded the Committee of the Christmas Tree which KENDRA had subscribed to sponsoring and decorating. MV had requested CS to produce a poster about KENDRA, which CS agreed to do. It was agreed that MP should spend up to £30 on decoration items for this tree.

506.4 OTHER ONGOING / OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Support of vulnerable residents (CPJS), Croydon Energy-from-Waste, Liaise with schools as means of promoting KENDRA (CPJS), Closure of Purley Fire Station, Archives and financial documents, Glider Cable incident, Changes to Insurance policy, Kendra signs at east end of Valley Road, Material dumped by 261 HL + Golf Road stables and fence and electricity, Northwood Ave parking, Interest in LinkedIn, Area grants; other sources of smaller grants, New notice boards

506.5 Committee Reports.

Written reports received & circulated from: Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Planning, Website and membership

506.6 PREVIOUS BUSINESS (Dormant or semi-dormant but unfinishable)

Higher Drive Recreation, Mosque on OLL, The Moorings PP Group. Unannounced changes to train timetables, Bridge by Kenley Primary School, Parking station/shops, Lamppost design & programme, Litter-picks; funding for cameras+legal, OLL