

KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 507th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
10th November 2015, Held at Kenley Memorial Hall, Godstone Road, Kenley

Present: Chair: Chris Stanley; John Davenport, Geoff James, Phil Royle, Marilyn Poulton, Mike van der Vord, and Anthony Lewis. Councillors None.

Apologies: Richard Cowper, Tony Heal, Jeff Laidler, Sofia & Ise Saeed. Police, Councillors. The meeting was quorate.

Visitors: Tim Keel, Tony Avery, David Hooper (from 9:30pm)

507.1.1 Minutes of the meeting 506 held on the 13th October 2015 were agreed.

507.1.2 Action Points from the previous meetings:

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.

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

507.2.1 Council & Police Matters

a. The councillors were not present

b. No Police were present so no police reports or updates were offered.

507.3 NEW, and ONGOING, BUSINESS

507.3.0 Tim Keel lives on Oaks Road, opposite Burwood Ave. He raised the issue of the new street lighting installed on the corner opposite his house, which due to the elevation of the road shines directly into his bedrooms. He has had to put blankets up at the windows to help exclude the light. He has been in contact with Skanska who have installed shielding to the front and rear of the light but this does not make any difference because the light is coming from the side. He has involved Jan Buttinger who is taking the issue up on his behalf. He believes that due to the responsibilities in the Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act, the council must show due care with regard to intrusive street lighting. He's disappointed with this consultation and communication from Skanska and believes that they have a history of poor consultation.

TK would like to see either the light removed, or changed, or have side shielding installed. He believes the solution is quite straightforward but requires Skanska to be more proactive and creative.

MVV commented that the lights in Caterham, which appear to be similar, do have side shielding. MVV also commented on the intensity of the light and the glare they give when driving. A number of the lights are also within the branches of trees.

The new lights installations are still going on in Kenley and in Riddlesdown.

CS reported that there is the possibility of having the lights dimmed (only by a small percentage) on an areawide basis. The committee discussed this and agreed by 5 to 2 majority that Kendra should make representations to the council to seek the new street lights being dimmed on an areawide basis. MVV will draft a letter. Bright lighting can have a positive effect on safety and security, but the point source lighting installed creates shadows and glare.

There is a note on the Kendra website regarding who to contact with new street lighting issues. However, to date, Kendra and the Councillors have not received many complaints regarding the new street lamps and street lighting.

507.3.1 # Newsletter Distribution, Winter issue, new editorial team: CS commented that he and many others had only just received their copy of the Autumn edition which is disappointing for everyone involved in producing the newsletter. There are approximately 100 road stewards and 10 area stewards. JD was delayed in getting the numbers to distribute to area stewards which caused a delay of 3 weeks for the last issue. It takes approximately 3 to 4 weeks after delivery from the printers for the newsletter to be delivered. There are variations in this depending on the individuals involved – some are much faster some slower. It also takes 3 to 4 weeks to produce the newsletter from copy deadline, so the overall lead time is 6

to 7 weeks on average.

The committee discussed ideas for alternative distribution methods including delivery direct from the printer to the road stewards or area stewards. Delivery to road stewards was felt to be impractical. TA will liaise with JD regarding possible delivery direct to area stewards. Another alternative discussed was paying a local group e.g. Scouts to deliver newsletters. However this was also likely to have inherent delays.

Increasing email usage would not affect production leadtimes. But might affect advertising. Also, print costs are not directly proportionate to the numbers printed.

The idea of using Royal Mail was also discussed but was felt to be costly, and still requires stuffing envelopes and addressing.

There was discussion as to whether we should have 3 editions per year instead of 4. The Autumn and Winter editions are generally quite close together and there was some agreement that they should be amalgamated. This can be reviewed by the editorial team for next year.

CS met with the editor TH in early October and agreed a copy deadline of 6th of November, but this has been put back to Friday, 13 November. This will make it difficult to get the newsletter produced and delivered prior to Christmas. Therefore, please submit your articles as soon as possible.

PR confirmed that Cornell & Varley have paid for a year in advance as do most advertisers. TA believes that Bairstow Eaves would like to advertise, possibly on the back cover.

The Kenley "then and now" photos were not printed in the last edition due to lack of space.
507.3.2 # **Matters arising from 2015 GM and outreach meetings:** the minutes have yet to be produced. C/f

507.3.3 # **Croydon Local Plan, Public Meeting 8th Dec 3:30-8pm, KENDRA Response.**

The meeting is arranged as a drop-in event. The local plan is important because it defines what developers can and can't do. There is already a Plan in existence for Croydon but it is being updated.

GJ reported that the existing local plan is quite favourable to Kenley and focuses on garden infill developments. The Godstone Road is highlighted as a corridor for development and is likely to have further development of apartment blocks. Kenley is linked with Coulsdon and there is significant development planned for Coulsdon.

There may be knock-on impacts for Kenley from developments not directly within our area e.g. Purley skyscraper.

The local plan consultation closes on 17 December. GJ and other Kendra committee members will attend the open afternoon on the 8th and then decide whether we need to submit a response.

507.3.4 # **Ratify email votes – Website hosting PK email 21/10/15, and Wreath PR email**

2/11/2015: the committee agreed by email to authorise expenditure of £79 for extra website hosting space. It was also agreed by email that PR can spend up to £40 on a wreath to be laid at the Remembrance Day service held at the RAF Tribute.

507.3.5 # **Constitution amendments – area, email voting JD email 21/10/15:**

Due to building developments on Higher Drive, we have gradually accumulated members on that section of road which is not constitutionally part of the Kendra area. JD is therefore recommending that we ask the membership to amend the constitution to include Densham Drive highland Rd, and Higher Drive down to St Barnabas Church. Before we do this we need to talk to PWRA For them to agree this change to our shared area boundary. The committee agreed that in the first instance CS will write to the PWRA Chairman. The Kenley Ward boundary extends beyond the Kendra area out to the Brighton Road.

The committee also agreed to support JD's proposal to amend the email voting requirements in the constitution. Both these proposals will be put to the AGM in April 2016.

507.3.6 # **Oaks Road green Christmas Tree Collections:** we need to advertise the collection dates in the newsletter. Dates to be confirmed.

507.3.7 # **Hayes School Church:** a leaflet has been circulated stating that the Hayes School will be used to hold Sunday morning church services. It is unknown at this time how popular this church will be, and whether it will have an effect on traffic or parking in the area. MVV reported that the idea is to attract families of children attending the Hayes School, and is unlikely to generate significant numbers. Rev. Chris Thompson's wife is ordained and she will be taking the services.

It is not known whether the current planning regulations allow for the use of the school as a church. GJ will enquire as to whether it falls within the current regulations.

Some concern was expressed that we may set a precedent if we don't object to this church so that we may not be able to object to other possible future church developments.

The committee agreed that we will not take any action at this stage, but monitor the church activity to see if it is detrimental to local residents.

507.3.8 # **Farthing Downs Meeting (MVV):** MVV will be attending the meeting tomorrow which will discuss conservation etc. on Farthing Downs.

507.3.9 # **Christmas Tree Festival. At All Saints Church.** Kendra is sponsoring a tree, and MVV and MP have prepared decorations for it, covering the areas in which Kendra helps the community. CS will prepare an A4 size sign describing what Kendra is about. The committee agreed that the church may offer the tree for sale afterwards.

507.3.14 # **Hawkhurst Road Travellers – ASB Reporting:** GJ has been in contact with HEPA. The appeal has not yet been lodged by the travellers.

507.3.15 # **New street lighting: issues with intensity of lights/ design/ placement MVV email 9/11/15:** see above.

- 507.3.16 **# Old Lodge Lane Bridge replacement- 455 reroute, pedestrian access.** Due to essential repairs to the railway bridge over Old Lodge Lane, there will be road closures from 16 December and a complete blockage for 4 days after Christmas. DH reported that there will be a shuttle bus carrying pedestrians from one side of the closure to the other. It is not clear how the 455 bus and shuttle bus will be rerouted, at this stage. DH recalled that the Tesco bus worked very well last time there was a road closure. However, there may be issues with using the Tesco car park as a drop off point due to it being the busiest time of year for shopping. Richard Cowper will be attending the East Surrey Transport Committee meeting this week and will report back.
DH and CS will raise the idea of the Tesco bus with Steve O'Connell.
- 507.3.17 **# New committee members ? – Chair, CS Roles:** apologies received from JL and Sofia Saeed. CS reminded the committee that he will be stepping down in April as Vice-Chairman.
- 507.3.18 **# LMD waste: enforcement actions, noise, Site Sold – Development ??**
Crushing will finish on 16 December and we expect development on this site but no news yet.
- 507.3.20 **SmartWater update & NHW(AL):** there is an opportunity to invite recipients of free packs to join Kendra if they are not already members, possibly by using the subscription envelopes if the packs are delivered through the letterbox.
AL reported that referrals have been picking up. However, volunteers with offers of help have tended to focus on their immediate neighbours and not the wider community.
The MOPAC project funding has to be used up before the end of the financial year, i.e. by end March 2016. There is no need to carry on the project beyond this point due to the spread of Met Trace and the reduced price kits now being advertised by Neighbourhood Watch. AL recommends that we revert back to the original proposal of issuing 10 kits on cocooning basis, which will help utilise all the funding available. PR is helping in distributing the kits. AL is distributing kits to vulnerable residents. 50 kits have so far been distributed, and 90 are still left of the original purchase batch.
There is an improved covering letter which enables the kits to be posted through the door to neighbours of victims if they are not answering the door when calling.
It is normal for burglary rates to pick up at this time of year. There have been 25 burglaries over the last 3 months but only 11 of those have been referred for kits so far.
The committee agreed to upping the cocooning to 10 kits. The committee also discussed expenditure for flyers.
- 507.3.24 **# Purley Hospital MIU campaign: Consultation, CCG Meeting, Public Meeting 23rd Nov.** CS reported that the Croydon Clinical Commissioning Group have put back the decision until January and are undertaking additional consultation exercises. The group of Residents Associations have put forward an alternative proposal utilising Purley Hospital. Kendra and the other Residents Associations have been lobbying the CCG Governing Body.
- 507.3.32 **AOB**
The British Legion Poppy Shop is currently selling poppies and cufflinks made out of old Spitfire parts.
The Kendra Christmas dinner has been booked at Santini's for 8 December. Menu to follow. GJ informed the meeting that the application at 34 Hilltop to run a fast food delivery service has been refused. The original application did not cover the scope of services they are currently offering, so GJ may ask for immediate enforcement action. The local residents are inconvenienced by the service - one of the local residents has expressed an interest in helping Kendra. GJ will pass on the details to CS.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st Dec. 8pm at KMH

507.4 **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

507.5 **Committee Reports.**

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

507.6 **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