**FINAL MINUTES OF 606TH MEETING OF THE KENLEY & DISTRICT RESIDENTS’ MEETING HELD AT KENLEY MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Christine Heal (CH); Tony Heal (TH); Geoff James (GJ); Simon Brew (SB); Paul Keating (PK); Tony Avery (TA); Mike Lott (ML); Stella Stocker (ST); Linda Richman (LR).**

**Apologies: Ola Kolade (OK); John Davenport (JD).**

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| **606** | Welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support at the AS/RS meetings held recently at Reedham Tennis Club. |  |
| **606.1** | **Minutes of Last Meeting (11/02/25)**  JD raised a point of 605.3.2 – members who have paid over the subscription will be informed that the excess will be noted as a donation. |  |
| **606.2** | **LBC – OLA KOLADE HAD EMAILED HIS REPORT AS BELOW**  On 26th February Council had set budgets for coming year. Croydon facing unprecedented pressures owing to increased demand for homelessness and social care. In 25/26 Croydon investing in overhauling the way Council works to become more cost effective, seeking to save £27.7m over next 4 years. Croydon has been shortlisted for The Local Government Chronicle award for ‘Most Improved Council’, while still more to do , this is recognition of the progress and journey the Council has made in recent years.  **434 bus –** The much anticipated new 434 route will be commencing 29th March. The route will serve a new line through the Ward. The 434 will operate as a hail and ride. This has been collaborative working between Tfl, Council, KENDRA Councillors and London Assembly Member – Neil Garratt.  **Purley Pool –** On 28th February Croydon’s Planning Committee approved the regeneration of a new leisure centre in Purley and regeneration of surrounding area. The proposals include new leisure centre, a later living housing scheme (180 homes and a care home), new public square to help regenerate and create a focal point in Purley. The Planning Committee also approved a planning condition to increase public car parking to 74 spaces. Application now goes to GLA for consideration as a referable application, before decision on application is formally issued.  **Kenley Healthy Streets Update –** After consultation period in February the Council received an objection for the speed humps element of the proposals. In line with current procedure a report is being drafted for the Corporate Director to consider the objection and make a decision. Work planned to start on 17th March on the proposals not in contention. Completion should be in April. Another update end of March.  **Godstone Road Crossing/ Co-op –** Tfl have opened consultation period. Public Notice will be onside for a period of 21 days from 5/3/25. If residents wish to comment they must be sent to Tfl before 26/3/25 quoting Ref: NP/REGULATION/STOT.to1/GLA/2025/0200 & 0269. (Sandya has shared relevant attachments with KCA Group).  **Bourneview –** A meeting had been held regarding tragic incident on 23rd January involving year 7 student. Railway Accident Investigation Branch have initiated an investigation which led to the death of student and any recommendations for additional safety measures.  **Keeping Kenley Clean –** Councillors in discussion with officers about intensive clear out of Bourne Park Close. Arrangements have been made to remove litter and Housing team will arrange for horticultural contractors to clear overgrown vegetation and grass. A deep cleanse by Veo9lia will be completed by the end of this week between Old Lodge Lane from Wattenden Arms towards New Valley Primary School which is frequently fly tipped. Section of Old Lodge Lane from Colescroft to Burcott is due to be resurfaced from 23rd July 2025 for 3 days.  **POLICE -** MLott had circulated details of SNT meeting on February 8th. We are lucky to have 2 diligent officers, Tony Brown and Karol Aamir in our ward.  Ideally, we need 6 but illness and secondments mean that our area, probably in common with all others is greatly under-resourced. This week, 2 officers were 'abstracted' to Croydon where a youth had been shot in the leg.  On the face of it, the stats look good, but these only reflect reported incidents.  For example, in January Kenley showed 7 shoplifting incidents, the same as Purley.  But shops like Boots, Holland and Barrett and Sainsburys haven't the time or resources to log every incident.  Our officers are responding as swiftly as possible to incidents at the Coop, but were just too late this week to detain a suspect who had been temporarily held in store by security. often, when questioned, suspects give the wrong name and are of no fixed abode.  The major trouble spots are round Reedham Park itself.  Squatters have taken over the property next to the church.  It is surprising that we only have one attendee from that area.  There are no complaints about the squat, either because they are so well behaved, or fear of reprisals. The Costcutter block continues to be a concern, and Gayle and Ola are going to contact the Fire Service to check lighting in the public areas and that fire exits are accessible.  We are reminded that all witnessed incidents, such as dog bites, gas canisters being thrown out should be reported.  They would like to devote more time to speed checks but again availability of resources, time, manpower, equipment is an issue. Surprise was registered at the mushrooming of very expensively kitted out hairdressers in the  Kenley/Purley area.  Apparently, they all know each other.  Tony Brown is amenable to contributing to the magazine but does need prompting.  Our next meeting is Tuesday April 22nd. |  |
| **606.3.1** | **Council News – (a)Healthy Streets –** Speed hump installation at lower Hayes Lane to begin 25th March 2025 and should be completed by 29th.  Closure could be Lower Hayes Lane to Kenley Lane.  **(b) Godstone Road Crossing –** already dealt with. |  |
| **606.3.2** | **KENDRA Admin**   1. New Kendra Committee position for Tree Protection & TPOs – GJ introduced Claire ? and explained a database is being produced of TPOs and she would try and draw up a list to help where trees would be in danger of developers and their plans. Anyone can request a TPO to save a tree in a public space or in public realm. 2. Review of AS/RS meetings at Reedham Park Tennis Club – a round of applause to Paul for organising. About 18 stewards accepted with their spouses, so about 30 in all. About same number of apologies. Everyone enjoyed the chance to chat , especially about Member MOJO. PK said he had spoken to paramedics re another Save a Life at KMH possible May or June and suggested a Bingo or Quiz Night. SB said one comment he heard regarding members was ‘You do not need our money you have plenty’. We therefore need to spend some of our funds. 3. AGM April 29th – LBC Councillor Scott Roche Cabinet Member for Streets and Environment invited as main Speaker. Met Police to make a brief visit.   Hall available from 6.30 p.m. Start meeting 7.30. TH suggested that the list of amendments to Constitution be put in magazine along with Agenda. PK suggested changing order to get business out of the way i.e. election of committee and explanation of Constitution and vote of changes. | **GJ/C?**  **ALL** |
| **606.3.3** | **NOTICEBOARD**  TA said he would change Noticeboard to show details of AGM. SB said he thought the Noticeboards were very good and informative. | **TA** |
| **606.3.4** | **KENDRA MAGAZINE**  TH said items for the next magazine with Notice of AGM will be ready to send to PK by the weekend. | **TH/PK** |
| **606.3.5** | **OTHER LOCAL ISSUES**   1. East Surrey Transport Committee 19th March CH will be attending. CH said it would be good to have a timetable for the new 434 bus but Councillor had said there would be a leaflet drop on the roads where the bus travels. 2. GJ had reported illegal parking outside shops on Norfolk Parade. | **CH** |
| **606.3.6** | **LITTER ISSUES**  PK said next Litter Pick is Sunday March 23rd at 10.00 Station Car Park.  21st March – 6th April is The Great British Spring Clean and Great Big School Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy where everyone can get involved (PK has promised 50 filled bags). | **PK**  **ALL** |
| **606.3.7** | **WATTENDEN POND**  PK had spoken to Russell Priestly regarding scouts and a capital expenditure which the scouts are looking for a environmental project to get involved with. PK suggested the pond and wanting to turn it into a Butterfly Sanctuary because of lack of water. SB suggested calling it Dew Pond . PK said we could have a small pond in a plastic/fibreglass case. TH suggested obtaining benches and plants. |  |
| **606.4** | **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  **Treasurer:** (i) SB had circulated the Accounts to end Feb 2025 to the Committee. Everyone was happy with them after GJ explained MOJO quirks. i.e. group, mainly cash payers that should have paid by May 30th so we can add them to MOJO or they will no longer be members.  **Planning:** (ii) Member MOJO Statistics Update – 708 current members with 151 not yet paid for 2025. Over £1000 subscriptions received in January 2025. |  |
| **606.5** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  CH spoke about KENDRA donations and thought about a seat along Park Road and as already mentioned seat by Pond. SB said if near road you have to go through Council. Speak with GG/OK. Another idea was hanging baskets along Norfolk Parade. SB suggested contact Purley BID. TH said that there is supposed to be 2 parklets being placed either side of door of Kenley Station.  ML said these ideas would be invisible to half of KENDRA residents. He suggested speaking to Nick who organises the OLL Friday hub to see if there is anything needed that side of Kenley. CH mentioned The Big Splash that was OLL side. GJ said perhaps we could acquire a Committee member from OLL side. TA suggested getting Royal Mail to distribute a letter around OLL and hold a function that side. ML said he would speak to Dawn who helps at the Friday hub as well. | **CH/SB/ALL**  **ALL**  **ML** |
| **606.6** | **NEXT MEETING**  The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 7.30 p.m. at KMH small hall. | **ALL** |

**Chairman................................................. Date...................................................**

**Meeting closed 21.07**