**MINUTES OF 609TH MEETING OF THE KENLEY & DISTRICT RESIDENTS’ MEETING HELD AT KENLEY MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 8TH JULY 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Christine Heal (CH); Tony Heal (TH); Simon Brew (SB); Geoff James (GJ); Paul Keating (PK);. Cllr Gayle Gander GG).**

**Apologies: Tony Avery (TA); Mike Lott (ML); Stella Stocker (ST)); Linda Richman (LR).**

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| **609** |  | Welcomed all attendees and noted that the meeting was quorate. TH explained that LR was still recovering from her serious fall in Sutton. She hopes to attend next month’s meeting at OLL Community Hub |  |
| **609.1** |  | **Minutes of Last Meeting (13/05/25)**Circulated to committee by email on 10th June. The committee could not meet in June because of several members being unavailable to attend.  |  |
| **609.2** |  | LBC – Cllrs Gayle Gander informed cttee of1. Lodge Hill (off OLL) and Cedar Walk roads being resurfaced this week
2. Council making headway with Police in combatting shoplifting; Regular offenders are now being caught and receiving banning orders preventing them entering various supermarkets e.g. Co-op, M & S within a wider extended area. In addition, local shops being offered and taking in these stolen goods for re-sale are also being kept under close surveillance.
3. Lower Hayes Lane humps have now been installed. GG mentioned some complaints re height levels received, but emergency vehicles have the overriding decision. Longer discussion on getting other parts of Hayes Lane suitably ‘protected’ (see 603.3.2 KRAS below)

**POLICE –** Recent email MET ENGAGE from Met Team advising that they wish to be represented at any local gatherings (Local events / School Fairs etc. to ensure they are being kept in touch with the community |  |
| **609.3.1** |  | **Council News** 1. Consultation on flooding in Lower Roke Road and query to alter current parking arrangements. Unlikely residents will allow parking permits to be operational, instead they’ll allow part pavement parking to ensure emergency vehicles can get up the cul de sac (House Refuse has to be collected by a smaller lorry). Suggested plan is to make these parking changes in school summer hols when this road will be closed for six weeks and residents will need to find alternate parking!
2. Croydon’s Grass verges LBCnow cutting most grass verges. Council has created an asset register of where their green spaces are so they can cover this responsibility.
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| **609.3.2** |  | **KENDRA Admin**1. **Spam Messages** Reference made to various Spam Messages being received by individual committee members. Care needed and if relevant to direct them to ‘Phishing.co.uk’
2. Hanging Baskets now installed on Norfolk Parade in front of all shops, and maintained by suppliers. Full cost met by Kendra - £1800 inc. VAT. This expenditure will need approval of membership at next General Meetingas it exceeds our spend limit within our constitution.
3. KRAS – Kenley Residents’ Against Speeding (email from PK) Detailed discussion regarding how ‘we’ can reduce both speeding and persistent noise pollution drivers using our roads.

One idea to organise posters with suitable wording e.g. ‘Slow down, 20 is plenty’ for residents bordering Hayes Lane to erect in their front gardens.Aother suggestion (GJ) to install more affordable ‘Table Top’ raised surfaces at suitable junctions along Hayes Lane – from Abbots Lane to OLL roundabout to slow traffic and counter safer usage for pedestrians where no pavements exist. GG to take this suggestion to the Council.1. 2025 Autumn General Meeting previously booked for Tues 29th Oct to be changed to Wed Oct 8th at KMH (Date confirmation awaited from KMH)
 | **ALL****SB****ALL****GG****TH** |
| **609.3.3** |  | **NOTICEBOARD**Noticeboard to show details of Cllrs monthly surgeries (GG to create new posters)and copy cover of Summer Mag.  | **TA****GG** |
| **609.3.4** |  | **KENDRA MAGAZINE**Summer Issue now being distributed to AS and RS for membersDiscussion covered timing of the Autumn Kendra issue to be available by 3rd week September for the Autumn GM now being held earlier in October | **PK****TH/TA/PK** |
| **609.3.5** |  | **OTHER LOCAL ISSUES** |  |
| **609.3.6** |  | **LITTER ISSUES**PK said next Litter Pick is Sunday July 27th at 10.00 Station Car Park. | **PK** |
| **609.3.7** |  | **WATTENDEN POND**PK showed the attendees a photo of a group of the scouts’ recent activity at the Wattenden Pond, showing their excavation efforts to create a small pond to help local wildlife e.g. butterflies, insects and other small creatures needing that habitat.  | **PK** |
| **609.4** |  | **COMMITTEE REPORTS****Treasurer:** (i) Advertisers will be invoiced when SB receives his magazine (one outstanding from Spring Issue), **Planning (GJ): Latest** Member MOJO Statistics Update had been emailed to committee  |  |
| **609.5** |  | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**A .Spending Kendra’s fundsSB had emailed cttee ahead of the meeting to propose giving a £2650 to purchase a ‘slide’ for the Purley Vale Roke Open Space playground. (A Purley and Woodcote Ward Cllr has managed to secure £30K S106 funding to refurbish the area, but the Space needs this additional funding. The area falls within the Kenley Ward although Kendra memberships in that immediate vicinity is very low.GJ had summarised Kendra’s position1. Our spend limit currently is £1,500 pounds or we have to get an ‘approval for‘ vote at the General Meeting of members (next planned meeting 8th October)
2. Would the spend be of beneficial interest to the Kendra membership – would they vote for it?
3. Could the committee be criticised for using our accumulated resources in this way.
4. SB suggested PWRA also had funds that could be made available to lighten the cost to Kendra, but no enquiries yet made.
5. The general feeling on the night was that this was a ‘step too far’ for Kendra to donate this amount, but it was felt that the four absent committee members should be fully appraised of this request and be able to comment thereon.

Timing for a final decision may present a problem, but we need to ensure the right course of action..  | **SB** |
| **609.6** |  | **NEXT MEETING**Monthly Committee Meeting – 7.30 pm Tuesday 13th August at OLL Community Hub. ML to confirm arrangement | **ML/ALL** |

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

**Meeting closed 21.10**