

**Minutes of the 618th Meeting of the Kenley & District Residents' Association held at Kenley Memorial Hall on Tuesday 12th May at 7.30 pm**

**Present: Paul Keating (PK) – Vice Chairman; Tony Heal (TH); Tony Avery (TA); Stella Stocker (SS); Susan Cotton (SC); Linda Richman (LR)**

**Councillors: Gayle Gander (GG)**

**Apologies: Simon Brew (SB); Geoff James (GJ); Coral Carroll (CC)**

The meeting tonight began with PK introducing Fareita and welcoming 15 members to a presentation. Fareita was giving a presentation to explain Asset of Community Value (ACV) status. By listing The Kenley Hotel as an ACV under the Localism Act 2011 we gain a powerful legal “safety” net. If the owners decide to sell, they must tell the Council, giving us a six-month window to pause the sale and put together a community bid. At the AGM ACV needed 21 signatories, we gained many more than that. Unlike a corporate run chain, a community-led pub can host what Kenley needs, from coffee mornings and toddler groups to local history talks and live music. Keeping the pub open creates local jobs and ensures money spent there stays within the community.

<b>618</b>	PK welcomed GG and congratulated her and Ola Kolade and Jason Perry for winning the local Bi Election for Kenley Ward and Mayor of Croydon. A round of applause from Committee. Also SB was re-elected as Purley and Woodcote Councillor.	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>618.1</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting (14.04.2026)</b> GG said to re-iterate that the Playground in Lower Roke Road, everyone is very happy with it. Also the playground at Bourne Park everyone very happy with it. Dave Monday should be Dave Munday and Mike Van de Vord should be Van der Vord. The minutes were then agreed.	
<b>618.2</b>	<b>LBC –</b> GG said there was nothing much to add apart from the Council have a new Head of Strategy. Fareita said that she had written to Heineken but no response. GG said all paperwork with Council, if they write to Heineken and Star Pubs Trading Ltd regarding Kenley Hotel they cannot ignore Council, Lease runs out 26th June 2026. <b>Police –</b> TH said he had attended Ward panel meeting on 11th May, there were 11 attendees. Within Kenley there had been a spike of robberies with school children being robbed of mobile phones. The person has been captured. Old Coulsdon now top for safety in Borough. Shoplifting and violence against person are what police are keeping an eye on. TH said PK could contact Police to get instruction on how to use an ‘enforcing gun’ to get more information on speeding. PK said he would come back to committee at next meeting. Next Ward Panel meeting scheduled for July 20th. Elizabeth Goodrich is retiring as secretary so ward panel need new secretary. A celebration of Elizabeth’s life is to be held at All Saints on Sunday 28th June at 10.00 a.m.	<b>PK ALL</b>
<b>618.3.1</b>	<b>Council News</b> Nothing extra to report	
<b>618.3.2</b>	<b>KENDRA Admin</b> a. Finalising additional Bank Signatories to access Bank Account. TH, PK had managed. LR said she had spoken to bank but needed to go and physically speak with them when back from holiday. b. Review of AGM – everyone thought it went well. Need to sort out microphone for ourselves rather than relying on Simon’s one. c. PK said he would have the position of Vice Chair rather than Chairman. d. There is still a vacancy for ESTC. – nobody has come forward yet. e. PK said that he had asked Fareita to join the committee and she had agreed. All were in agreement.	<b>ALL</b>
	<b>Noticeboards</b>	

618.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. TA said the poster KENDRA needs you is still up, will change to Councillor surgery dates.</li> <li>b. Weekly Newsletter – it was agreed more suitable items for inclusion. More publicity to promote KENDRA.</li> <li>c. Publicity – PK said he had been to Purley Sorting Office regarding un-delivery of Postcard. PK said they were still in boxes in sorting office and postman said they had been told to prioritise. It was agreed that PK needs to find out if we are entitled to a refund? Some people now receiving Postcard.</li> <li>d. CC had asked about a WhatsApp group for members but this was thought not to be a good idea.</li> </ul>	PK
618.3.4	<p><b>KENDRA Magazine</b>  TH said that the summer magazine was now being prepared.  TA/PK dropped last bulk magazines off. Need more people to distribute as various RS resigned.  Articles – need update from Fareita and one on Portcullis Club</p>	TH/TA/PK
618.3.5	<p><b>Other Local Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bus Suspension – Cullesden Road for 6 weeks from 1st June</li> <li>b. Road Safety – serious crash on A22 –</li> <li>c. Discussion on how dangerous junction at bottom of St James’s Road</li> </ul>	
618.3.6	<p><b>Litter Issues</b>  PK said dates of future Litter Picks were Sunday 10th May, 7th June, 12th July, 9th August.</p>	ALL
618.3.7	<p><b>Wattenden Pond</b>  PK reported that Scout’s Working Party should start soon. Planting programme – they are awaiting rain.</p>	
618.4	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Treasurer</b> – In SB’s absence PK reported that Draft accounts for April 2026 had been circulated</li> <li>b. <b>Membership</b> – April 28th GJ had circulated an email</li> <li>c. <b>Planning</b> – A property in Hawkthirst Road had been given planning permission.</li> </ul>	
618.5	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Hanging Baskets</b> – PK reported that there did not seem to be very much enthusiasm from shopkeepers regarding having the baskets again. They did look good but not heard from florists, we could ask Knights? Who would look after them??</li> <li>b. SC mentioned about the filthy pavement outside the Chemist and also with the take-away food shops. Could do with big bin??</li> <li>c. TH/LR had received a letter from RAFA Kenley requesting the possibility of a donation to help pay for a Monitor to be installed in the Portcullis Club. A donation of £250 was agreed.</li> <li>d. <b>St Barnabas</b> – GG said that the church is not in good repair and the repairs are too costly. Part of the ground is consecrated so that cannot be built on. The community hall may remain?</li> <li>e. TH said that Dave Munday could be an interesting person on the Council.</li> <li>f. GG said that as a point of interest Visits to Westminster and tour with MP can be organised on a Thursday evening. May be worth seeing if people are interested.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SB/PK</p> <p>ALL</p>
618.6	<p><b>Next Meeting</b>  The next KENDRA Committee meeting will be held in KMH small hall on Tuesday 9th June at 7.30 p.m,</p>	ALL

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