

**Minutes of the 621st Meeting of the Kenley & District Residents' Association held at 67
Hayes Lane, Kenley on Tuesday 11th August at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Paul Keating (PK); Simon Brew (SB); Sue Cotton (SB); Tony Avery (TA); Stella Stocker (SS); Linda Richman (LR); Fareita Udoh (FU); Tex Trim (TT); Mike Kimberley(MK).
Councillors: Gayle Gander (GG)
Apologies: Geoff James and Tony Heal

		Action
621	PK welcomed everyone and welcomed Tex Trim (Assistant Treasurer) and Mike Kimberley (to be ESTC representative) on to the Committee	
621.1	Minutes of Last Meeting (14th July 2026) & Matters Arising TH apologised there not being any minutes as there were many absentees and the few points raised covered in What's App messages. There were no matters arising	
621.2	LBC: 1.GG reported that the road works in Whyteleafe should be completed by 16th August. This has affected the 439 bus service. 2.Old Lodge Lane will be closed 21/22 August for resurfacing near wooded area. Wattenden Arms have been informed. Battle of Britain fly past will be held on Sunday 16th at 1p.m. 3.Bourne View railway crossing – It is 18 months since tragic accident when young boy was killed – Council still debating whether to open crossing or keep it closed. Lots of reasons for both. 4.GG said the dumping of litter near Co-op – she will be speaking to Director of Environment on 24th August and hopefully Council Enforcement Team. PK asked about corner of Norfolk Parade/Station Road. SC said she visited chemist and mentioned sign. They replied they have had a new one on order for 15 months. 5.The grass at Betts Mead, Higher Drive and Bourne Park Allotments has been cut. 6.TA asked if she could mention bushes overgrown on road near the Wattenden Arms. 7.GG said after walking with PK last February they should be hearing about options for traffic calming on Hayes Lane. Police: Ward Panel Meeting held 20th July – GG reported that Sgt Gates had a calibrated speed gun. There are reports of motorbikes causing a nuisance. Tfl watching speed on Godstone Road. Shoplifting – police working closely with Co-op, Reported 13 thefts over 3 months which is down on previous months. There had been 3 garage incidents, a few thefts from cars, thefts from doorsteps, anti social behaviour around a care home. Discussion was held on Community safety and violence against person. Next meeting will be held on 27th October. PK thanked GG for update.	
621.3.1	Council News Kenley Hotel Update – We are in the process of forming a Community Benefit Society which can offer shares in the Kenley Hotel if it goes on the market. FU has applied for funding from various businesses including SES.	
621.3.2	KENDRA Admin PK formerly welcomed Mike Kimberley on to the Committee to fill the ESTC vacancy. Mike worked for Network Rail for 23 years. He worked on schedules. He said it may be not to run a service because they are short of train drivers as it takes 2 years to train a driver.	MK
621.3.3	Noticeboards TA said that the posters will be promoting Councillors Drop Ins. GG said she was trying to change venue for next Drop In as OK cannot be there. SB offered to do it with her at KMH.	

	Weekly Newsletter - It was agreed that it should be more pro-active i.e. giving details of October Autumn Meeting & road closures etc as well as planning.	
621.3.4	Kendra Magazine John Davenport had given PK a video of Kenley in the 90s which certain bits may be worth repeating in magazine. FU mentioned local artist Samantha Foley had done a painting on Different Things About Kenley, this will be auctioned to raise money towards Kenley Hotel project. Sue Cotton had found a piece of history called what KENLEY means which could go in magazine. It means Royal Meadow and derived from CYN LEY Royal Meadow. It was in Doomsday Book of 1086. It had one church, 17 villages and 2 cottages.	PK SC
621.3.5	Other Local Issues PK had visited the Portcullis Club and had long chat with lady behind the bar. He also met Linda Duffield, who spoke at last year's Autumn meeting. KRAS already dealt with.	
621.3.6	Litter Issues Next litter pick on 6th September. PK said he was thinking about asking for a road monitor on all roads in Kenley to take charge of litter picking in that road – this was thought to be a good idea.	ALL
621.3.7	Wattenden Pond The scouts had planted a lot of plants but because of the drought conditions being experience some of plants have died.	
621.4	Committee Reports Treasurer: SB said that he, and his successor Tex Trim had had several meetings. TT has now taken over the running of the accounts but SB still has ownership of Quick Books. Nothing really to report except we have had a few pieces of income and made a donation to RAF. TT will have to be added to bank signatories. SB circulated Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss statement. FU has been instrumental in getting funding from different places. Well done to her. Membership: SB said that if number of members goes above 1000 the expense of running the system will go up. 60/70 not renewed, ½ have rejoined and have approximately 12 new.	
621.5	Any Other Business FU reported that Kenley Beautification funding could be found to help with hanging baskets. Whyteleaf RA suggested asking for bulbs on open spaces such as edge of Godstone Road. GG said this would need a permit to close the road for access for planting and would cost about £2000. She suggested FU spoke to Council to find out where wild flower verges would be allowed. At the bottom of Welcomes Road/Kenley Lane trees and plants were planted and the church took over looking over this section. Riddlesdown RS are very good at this sort of thing, may be worth contacting them. Fareita also asked about putting price of advertising up to cover one post on Facebook, Instagram and Next Door. TA said some of the advertisers are already struggling he didn't think they would want to pay more. A BENCH has been placed in Wattenden Road to be used by people waiting for bus. It is in memory of someone who wanted to remain anonymous.	
	Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September at KMH at 7.30 pm	ALL

Meeting closed at 20.45 and PK was thanked for his hospitality.

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