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Minutes of the **23rd Annual General Meeting** of the
Addiscombe and Shirley Park Residents' Association held on 12
September 2012 at 8pm in the Pavilion, St Mildred's Centre,
Bingham Road

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were read out by the Secretary and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman reported to the meeting

- Volunteers were needed to help fill positions on both the Committee and as road reps;
- Work was continuing on the website;
- Major developments were being planned for Croydon town centre but there was concern that like so many other plans in the past these would come to nothing;
- Heads of Residents' Association meetings were being held by Gavin Barwell, MP. The format required changing as too much of the meeting revolved around Mr Barwell's work and not enough around the needs of the Associations members;
- Travellers camping on Ashburton Park and the Oasis playing fields on Shirley Road;
- Traffic accidents on Bingham Road were on the increase;
- Road specific issues were to be the focus of this year's Association work.
- Best wishes and flowers had been sent to Councillor Slipper after her accident

The Treasurer reported on the year's accounts and the accounts were accepted by the meeting. It was also agreed to donate £100 to the Mayor's charities.

The committee was re-elected for a further year and it was agreed to hold the subscription fee at £3.



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Councillor Adam Kellett reported to the meeting

- there was to be a £1m refurbishment of Lower Addiscombe Road funded by tFL.
- Ashburton Library is to become the 6th form for Oasis Academy Shirley Park.
- Spring Lane Bridge was due to have its decking replaced over the Easter weekend.
- Replacement of street lighting in the borough was underway; if residents had any problems they should contact Skanksa and copy him.
- New trams were now in use.
- Addiscombe Recreation Ground's maintenance contract was part of a borough wide contract and it was unlikely the Council would want to separate it out.

There was further discussion about Addiscombe Recreation Ground from the floor. Despite a promise by Cllr Arram at the 2011 AGM to provide figures to the Association regarding maintenance costs, these had not been forthcoming. A member therefore applied under the Freedom of Information Act and found that last year £11k had been spent but there was no breakdown of costs. A group called Continental have all the park contracts until December 2012. There was general support from the meeting for the maintenance contract for Addiscombe Recreation Ground to be awarded to a local gardening firm. There was also support for an educational programme to help stop littering by young people.

Mention was further made that the trees on Bingham Road needed trimming and that a tree on Sefton Road was splitting and might be dangerous.

The Chairman closed the meeting, thanking those who had attended as well as the members who every year help to provide the meeting with refreshments for their hard work.