



Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents Association

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Minutes of Road Representatives and Members Meeting Held Tuesday 2 February 2016 8-10pm, in the Pavilion, St Mildred's

1. Apologies

Received from Cllrs Stephen Mann and Andrew Rendle. Bob Sleeman, Fred Law, Gill Lee, Chris Facey, Jan Rutter, Ruth Rassou, Jenny Crook, Lyn Simmons, Sharon Collins, Claire Binnie, Sheilagh Clark

Item 14 (CPZ) was taken next as we had David Wakeling attending. As Croydon Parking Design Manager David had been at the Councillors surgery and had kindly agreed to stay on for the ASPRA meeting.

There was a long discussion about the pro's and con's of parking changes and the impact on surrounding roads as restrictions spread. It was generally agreed that the problem of commuter parking was worst nearest the tram stop, that there was holiday parking by some travellers and that the traders in Lower Addiscombe Road had expressed their concerns about staff parking if changes were made.

Fernhurst Road (with a high proportion of dropped kerbs) had been informally surveyed by Terry (Road Rep), with a large majority firmly against any form of parking restrictions being implemented.

The issue of who would be consulted and how was raised, David advised that it was likely that the consultation would ask if residents were in favour of parking restrictions or not, with additional questions if they were in favour to ascertain additional details such as preferred time limits, if a 'middle of day' option would be useful etc. As for the area covered by the consultation, there were differing views as to if an extension of the consultation to surrounding roads should be carried out. Following a vote, a majority of the meeting agreed that the consultation should be restricted to only those roads directly affected.

The proposed CPZ would cover ALL of the roads in the area in question, it is VERY unlikely that the Council would support different results for different roads, ie it would be all or nothing.

It was confirmed that areas with dropped kerbs would have yellow lines if controlled parking was implemented, the issue with creating an additional parking requirement elsewhere for cars currently parked across 'owners' dropped kerbs was accepted by David as a problem.

Residents permit charges were advised to be (currently)

£80 for the 1st, £126 for the 2nd and £305 for the 3rd. This is a permit to park, NOT for a specific place to park. It is highly likely that this area would be a new parking zone, not an extension to the existing one.

David was thanked by the meeting for his time and the updates he had provided.

Subsequent to the meeting the following clarification has been received from David:-

I can confirm that the proposed consultation area would include Bingham Road. I have attached the original plan showing the proposed boundary as agreed in December 2014.

Attached to minutes as:- [Report no. 8 - Bingham Rd Area](#)

We will include Sherwood Road and the section of Bingham Road (and one side of Lower Addiscombe Road) up to Sherwood Road as requested by ASPRA and the Ward Councillors.

I would like to start the consultation by early March so that the results can be considered at the 26 April Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting and will try my best to arrange this although we are struggling in my team to keep up with the workload at the moment.

Subsequent to the rest of the meeting there was a discussion on the CPZ consultation process under AOB. It was agreed that road reps should try and ensure that all residents in 'their' roads fully responded to the council consultation in order to ensure that the survey results were as complete and democratic as possible.

(Post meeting note: The CPZ discussion and map are on the website at:
www.theaspra.org.uk/news.php#news141)

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

These had been circulated with the agenda, and were agreed

3. Chairperson update

Steve raised a number of issues including Councillors' views on the Croydon Local Plan, the Festive lights fund raising and outstanding invoices for advertising in the magazine. The various committee updates covered some of these issues, it was agreed that Mary (Vice chairman) would assist with identifying and collecting advertising revenues outstanding.

Festive lights funding, it was generally agreed that ASPRA had, from a late start, made a significant contribution to the community with the lights, and that ASPRA needed to now get better organised. The committee will work towards a coordinated plan to raise traders (and local residents) awareness of the role of ASPRA and to seek (but not pressurise) donations in the coming years. Recognition of sponsors with signage, magazine coverage and web presence would also be improved.

4. ASPRA Vacancies

Road representative's vacancies - Greencourt Gardens, Lower Addiscombe Road (194-362), Shirley Road (57-196), Cheyne Walk and Craven Road.

Subsequent to the meeting coverage for Shirley Road was agreed, temporary coverage of the remainder of the vacancies will continue and 'volunteers' sought.

5. Magazine update

Liz confirmed that the next magazine issue would be the subscriptions issue which is delivered to all households in the ASPRA area, together with the subscriptions envelope. This new process had worked reasonably well last year. It was felt that perhaps personal delivery of the magazine might encourage membership as opposed to a letter box drop where there is a risk of the magazine disappearing underneath the pizza menus. Individual road reps would make their own decisions regarding their approach. Articles for inclusion in the magazine were sought, publication is expected to be late March to provide time for the AGM publicity to be included.

Prompt collection, and indeed distribution, of magazines continues to be of some concern, there are volunteers available to assist with this if problems arise, just ask for help.

Liz announced that she would be standing down as Editor at the AGM and her last edition of the magazine as editor will be March edition. A new editor is sought. A handover will be given to the new person or team and IT training can be given by the current committee.

6. Website update See attachments 6a and 6b to circulated Agenda Email

An update on the ASPRA website had been circulated with the agenda. It was suggested that Oasis Academy or Whitgift may have pupils who would be interested in helping with the website. During discussion, it was mentioned that students would want to create 'busy' and 'complicated' websites as a way of demonstrating their prowess and for their CV's. This is not necessarily the ASPRA requirement, which is for a more stable and easily updated facility. With careful definition of ASPRA requirements, this may still be achievable, Webmaster to consider options and perhaps approach schools or local residents with IT skills and spare time!

7. Finance update circulated prior to meeting via Email

These had been circulated before the meeting the agenda. Discussion was around lights funding, advertising revenue, printing costs and bank signatories.

8. Projects update

Hilary presented a comprehensive report on project activities, including the response to the application for Local Heritage Status, micro and small grant applications, Festive lighting and the Public noticeboard.

Attached to minutes:- [ASPRA - LHA Application Result](#)

Attached to minutes:- [ASPRA - Projects Report - RRMeeting 02.02.16](#)

9. Membership update see attachment 9 to circulated Agenda Email

These had been circulated with the agenda. Discussion was around the membership numbers (better than average across Croydon area) and the need to increase to assist with Festive lights funding and community involvement.

10. Councillor's update

Brief update provided at the meeting. Focussed on Controlled Parking (covered elsewhere) and the Green Waste collection. There had been a very significant take up of the Green Waste service, and it would be going ahead.

Garden Waste, following is text from Council Email

We have received enough interest from local residents to introduce a new chargeable garden waste service. It is made up of 15 collections over 30 weeks. Garden waste will be collected every fortnight between 18 April 2016 and 18 November 2016.

If you pre-registered before 31 December 2015, you can now subscribe and pay for the service through My Account

If you have not pre-registered for the new service but would like to subscribe, we are offering an early bird discount of £10 until 29 February 2016. You can still register for the service after this date, but you will not receive the discounted cost.

For full details on the new service please visit www.croydon.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

11. Plaque for Betty Westgate update

The link to the update was mentioned, and a copy shown at the meeting.

www.theaspra.org.uk/files/westgate.pdf

Also photographs and other links on webpage at: www.theaspra.org.uk/news.php#westgate

12. Jumbletrail update see attachment 12 to circulated Agenda Email

There had been information circulated with the agenda. The majority of ASPRA area households have now received their leaflets advertising this, the remainder are imminent

13. Addiscombe Recreation Ground update see attachment 13 to circulated Agenda Email

Information on this had been circulated, the fledgling group was congratulated on progress so far by the meeting.

14. Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

This item was taken at the start of the meeting.

15. Planning and preparation for the AGM

AGM is on Tuesday 26 April, 7:30 for 8pm. Items for inclusion and any formal proposals to be sent to the ASPRA secretary: secretary@theaspra.org.uk in good time, but at least 1 month prior.

Catering for the 'pre meeting natter' from 7:30 till 8pm will be on the same basis as last year.

16. AOB

It was proposed that ASPRA should formally oppose the Croydon Local Plan. This was put to the meeting and it was agreed that ASPRA would formally object to the current version of the Croydon Local Plan, with particular regard to the impact of plans for the Shirley Oaks area and the dual carriageway portion of Shirley Road.

(Post meeting note: ASPRA formally objected and commented on the Croydon Local Plan before the closing date on 18th December 2015. The website has details at:

www.theaspra.org.uk/localism.php#05nov15)

CPZ was discussed again, minuted in CPZ section.

Meeting closed at 9:55pm

17. Dates of next meetings, all at St Mildreds:

Pavilion Tuesday 26 April 2016 19:30-22:00 ASPRA AGM

Small Hall Wednesday 22 June 2016 19:30-22:00 Road Representatives Meeting

Pavilion Tuesday 27 September 2016 19:30-22:00 Road Representatives Meeting

Thursday ??? February 2017 to be confirmed