



# Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents Association

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## Minutes of Road Representatives Meeting

Monday 4 September 2017 8-10pm, in the Small Hall St Mildred's

### 1. Apologies

Lorna Elliott, Joy Morrall, Sarah Hills, Jonas Cradock, Nicola Corbishley, Mary Alexander, Andrew Rendle, Myra Rand and Fred Law.

### 2. Introductions

### 3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Agreed. Matters arising – ward boundaries to be covered later in the meeting

### 4. Chairperson update

Unveiling of the notice board went well and Hilary did a magic job.

Whitethorn Gardens held a Jo Cox memorial cricket match which was in aid of bringing communities together and this went well with everyone having a nice time.

Have written to the Boundary Commission but received no reply. Other attendees advised they had received replies although not as helpful as they would have hoped.

### 5. ASPRA Vacancies:

Road Rep Lower Addiscombe Road (194-362)

Road Rep Cheyne Walk

### 6. Magazine update

On schedule for 1 October and then 7, 8, and 9 October for picking up by road reps. Agreed a print of 850 and some road reps will use the opportunity of delivery for renewal and recruiting.

### 7. Website and Social Media update

No update available although a comment was made on how well Facebook is working.

### 8. Finance update

Report attached

1. Good progress on subscriptions, though slowed down over summer from a high of £1731 in June to just £380 in July.

2. Donations for lighting amount to £1205 not counting the Cheque for £150 from Jumble Trail Sponsors to be banked shortly.

3. Print charges have increased, and this should be watched going forward.

4. Addiscombe sign costs amount to £433 (not including the actual cost of sign which has been provided by councillors) for installation.

a. Some charges for unveiling to be accounted for in next month

5. Under current progress we look to make a surplus on account of around £1000, but we need more traction on subs and advertising fees.

Discussion advertising fees

Mary was collecting outstanding fees but not at the meeting to update us.

Steve is now going to chase these as soon as he is informed who to contact.

Going forward there should be a new agreed set of rules which could possibly include a discount for a year of advertising.

Requests have been made to advertise where they want ASPRA to do the art work but Phil is not happy about this.

Phil is continuing to run the same adverts until someone tells him to stop.

In conclusion all a bit of a mess at the moment that needs sorting out.

## **9. Projects update**

Report was attached with the agenda.

In addition £150 has been received from Allen Heritage in support of the Jumbletrail and this will also go towards the costs of the festive lights. Very short notice has been given this year for choosing our Christmas lights but an email has been sent to members to choose their favourite. Next year the process is due to take place in April!! ASPRA is in a good financial position to be able to support lighting which was underwritten by 3 committee members for the 5 year contracted period after careful thought and consideration.

The Mayor sent Hilary a letter of thanks which will be displayed on the notice board for everyone to see. Despite the weather there was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves at the unveiling of the notice board. Steve and Kieran were the cavalry who turned up with a canopy which protected the refreshments and helped keep some people dry.

Colin thanked Hilary for all her hard work and a proposal was passed that the keys will be held by Hilary, Dave and Gill, Jenny, Sheila and John Newbold and that there is a need to make sure notices don't go out of date, and it remains aesthetically pleasing.

## **10. Membership and Postmaster update**

Report was sent with agenda.

Updated figures at 5 months in to the ASPRA year

143 have not renewed

78 new members

Currently 58 down on this time last year suggestion made that perhaps some of this could be due to election overload so our envelope and magazine got missed with it all.

Road Reps door knocking is continuing to produce results.

Due to Barclay's closure it would be preferable for members to pay by either standing order or bank transfer.

Yellow flyers and envelopes were available to any road reps that needed more.

Suggestion to leave envelopes with the magazines on display at the library and churches to encourage people to join ASPRA. The practicalities of this will be investigated.

## **11. Councillor's update**

The Boundary commissioning report was issued 2 weeks early and is very unlikely to be rejected. They have taken the easiest options and used the middle of Shirley Road as the boundary leaving out Glenthorne Avenue, Shirley Park and Peabody Close. The Whitgift Estate will be a one member ward (the only one in London).

Stephen was sorry he could attend the unveiling of the notice board.

ASPRA is doing an excellent job for the community with the festive lights and notice board.

There is a shopping reward scheme running in Addiscombe supported by the councillors ward budgets. Information about this has not been picked up by the community or some of the staff.

Proactively monitoring Blackhorse Bridge and Andrew is lobbying for a shorter time scale. ASPRA may wish to consider writing to the Mayor and deputy about this.

The Addiscombe Rec gardeners are doing a good job. It is coming along nicely and is well received.

Ashburton Park operators (Nisai) for the old library pull out at the eleventh hour leaving it difficult for Fit to Learn. The cafe is progressing and will have a temporary operator. The Ashburton plan is on line and they are looking at which projects to take forward.

The new shop Penge Food Co has caused a lot of noise for the flats above whilst they are carryout work. It is a Mediterranean food store with an alcohol licence. (the detail of the licence has caused some confusion as it mentions a shop or club). There followed some discussion planning appeals and trying to enforce the outcome.

As well as Santander Barclays Bank is due to close in December. Barclays is always busy and Jenny has spoken with the shop keepers about this finding that some of the independent ones bank there. There is an opportunity to fight the closure if ASPRA could set up a petition. Colin advised the bank had been built in 1914. Shirley said she had been told the closure was due to Addiscombe only having shops on one side. We could also consider Asset of Community Value protection.

“In England, an **asset of community value (ACV)** is land or property of importance to a local community which is subject to additional protection from [development<sup>\[1\]</sup>](#) under the [Localism Act 2011](#).<sup>[2]</sup> Voluntary and community organizations can nominate an asset to be included on their local authority's register of asset of community value.”

There is currently a consultation on whether tram stops should keep their ticket machines.

Tweaking is going on with the Croydon plan but it does not affect the ASPRA area.

Fairfield Halls is progressing well and is expected to open Christmas 2018.

There are still issues with Westfield delaying and delaying. John Lewis the flagship store has pulled out. The Whitgift Centre was bought by the council. Where did the money come from?

St Georges Walk has been sold again recently.

A small part of the High Street is to be pedestrainised.

Phil suggested reducing business rates for the first 2 years to help encourage businesses.

Concerns were mentioned on the future of Matthews Yard which is not council owned.

## **12. Jumbletrail update**

Report sent with agenda

## **13. Addiscombe Recreation Ground update**

Report sent with agenda.

The gardening group met on Saturday and enjoyed the good weather, meeting park users and receiving donations which were planted. After weeding the flowerbeds looked lovely it is only a shame the long grass spoiled the effect.

Steve is ordering the trellis for the group tomorrow and this will enhance the toilet wall once flowers have grown up it.

Discussion was held around future plans by the group and the council are visiting the park on Wednesday following an email request by the group on several issues and possible plans. This will now also include a report from a resident on the state of the park.

New members and ideas are always welcome.

Concerns were raised on cycling in parks and by laws not being monitored. Some parks across Croydon are allowing cycling but this does not include Bingham Rec.

#### **14. AOB**

Jenny T said 20 mph restrictions do not appear to have made much difference. Steve did not receive a reply for him volunteering to monitor speed in the area.

There are not going to be any more countdown systems installed.

George asked about the delivery bike parking problem but Stephen advised there was not a lot they could do.

Shirley was concerned the road sweeper was not doing a good job in Ashurst Walk.

Jane mentioned problems with bonfire smoke and needing to change the rules so it was not allowable after dark.

Margaret mentioned the problem with fly tipping at the bus stop near her in Shirley Road and Stephen advised they were looking into getting more large sealed compressing bins to try and discourage this.

Jenny mentioned smelly old vehicles had been spotted around the area fly tipping small amounts and Stephen said to get the number plate details.

It has also been spotted that a number of people are sleeping in cars in the side roads

#### **15. Dates of next meetings all at St Mildreds:**

- Thursday 8 February 2018 Road Reps meeting in the Small Hall
- Wednesday 25 April 2018 AGM in the Pavilion
- Thursday 14 June 2018 Road Reps meeting in the Small Hall
- Wednesday 5 September 2018 Road Reps meeting in the Small Hall