



Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents Association

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Minutes of Road Representatives Meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2017 in the Small Hall St Mildred's

1. Apologies: Councillor Stephen Mann, John Aitken, Sarah Hills, Jenny Crook, Myra Rand, Liz Brereton, Mike Rothon, Fred Law and Councillor Andrew Rendle
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.
Agreed
3. Chairperson update
Congratulations to the Editor on an interesting magazine

HOME are arranging a meeting to discuss traffic management in the event of a future incident following the traffic congestion caused due to the tram crash. It includes TFL, the police and local residents associations. Steve will report back when this meeting has gone ahead.

Steve also advised that there had been an incident at Ashburton Park on Saturday 4 February that had closed half the roads in the area but he did not have any other detail.

He also asked for confirmation that ASPRA held actual addresses for all those that advertise with us and was assured that there are good contact detail available if required.
4. ASPRA Vacancies:

Road Rep Lower Addiscombe Road (194-362)

Road Rep Shirley Road (57 – 196)

No one volunteered at the meeting or knew of anyone who may be willing to cover these roads
5. Magazine update

Spring magazine has been issued on time. 1000 were printed and to date 600 have gone out.

Maddie will take some for councillor surgeries.

The next magazine will go out in May (after the AGM). Articles for this need to go to the Editor during weeks 2 and 3 of April. It takes about 10 days to print.

Paul Pinder has suggested, where allowed, we leave copies of the magazine in places where people sit and wait e.g. barbers dentists etc. He will deliver to Arthurs.

It was agreed there is a lot of good information in this edition.

Membership stickers were raised again. Research has been done and nothing suitable can be found at less than 50p a sticker. As a proportion of the membership fee this is quite high at 15%. Not many people have taken the opportunity to cut out and display the sticker provided in the previous magazine. We are not sure if they did not want to deface their magazine. Bob made stickers for his road and included them with the magazine.

Any thoughts ideas and options to the membership secretary please.

6. Website update

The volunteer who offered to take on this role has dropped out.

Bob currently does not have much time to devote to the website.

Suggestion of university students doing it as part of their project was considered but agreed that they will build something too "izzy wizzy" for it to be easily maintained and managed by ASPRA.

Steve chairman advised he is unable to access his ASPRA email account.

Anyone who can help with the website please contact the webmaster.

7. Finance update

Statement and commentary received from Treasurer and is annexed

Mary to collect advertising revenue.

8. Projects update

Update is annexed.

Lyn asked if we had considered doing an event to launch the Christmas lights. It was felt without a traders association to support this it would be difficult to arrange. Also the cost of the lights to all be lit at the same time is very expensive so suggestion was to have 2 people at the front of a parade to turn on each light as they go. Maddie suggested the Lions may be able to help as they have experience of running the Addiscombe Festival. Hilary has received a lot of enquiries from choirs etc. The idea was suggested that traders only get a light outside on 'their lamppost' if they contributed but it was soon realised this would not work for various reasons.

Blackhorse Residents Association has considered a Christmas tree at the Blackhorse but has been unable to provide one so Hilary also investigated the possibility but the cost would be too big a commitment on top of the lighting cost.

Steve the Chairman agreed that he would approach CHASE for a lighting contribution during his discussions about association boundaries. He is also contacting Selsdon Residents Association to confirm how they finance their lights.

Dave and Gill have checked lampposts so that ASPRA can advise which lamppost has which of the 2 designs of lighting in order to improve the alternation of lights.

An event to unveil the new noticeboard will be arranged and Councillor Andrew Rendle and the Mayor will be invited.

9. Membership update

Report is annexed.

Current membership is 839 compared to last year which was 662

Vince doubled the number of members in Northampton Road by door knocking.

Dave hoped that with a good magazine and a lot going on Jumbletrail, festive lights, gardening etc this will encourage road representative to door knock to recruit following our AGM.

Dave to provide the article on how to join ASPRA or renew membership for the next magazine.

10. Councillor's update

Report annexed.

The Old library will open on 1 July and have a cafe and a multi use community centre. St Mildreds have been involved and fully support this development.

Councillors have asked for a leaflet drop to keep residents informed of the Blackhorse Lane Bridge closure

The pedestrian access over the bridge has changed and is not easy for pedestrians – Maggie to investigate.

Shirley Vine advised that that the street lighting (now 4 lampposts not 2) is very dim and the houses also seem to have reduced lighting – Maddie to investigate.

Steve chairman asked about progress on the issue with the phasing of the lights at Ashburton Park. Maddie advised not much progress has been made but she will chase it up. She also advised that a quick solution would be to put a yellow box across the junction.

Maddie mentioned that local and national electoral boundaries are changing and asked if we considered ourselves Addiscombe or the Wickham Road. All agreed Addiscombe.

11. Jumbletrail update

An update is annexed

Lyn asked what we thought of including some performances this year such as the youth theatre and Morris dancers. Maddie also know a band that may be available. Everyone agreed it was a good idea and that the most obvious places for the performance were the Blackhorse and Addiscombe Recreation Ground.

Estate agents allen heritage estate agent has been approached to provide 50 advertising boards, an increase from last year as a lot of stall holders wished they had had them last time.

The marketing plan is to get lots of stall holder and then move on to marketing, getting as many visitors as possible.

A Facebook page has been set up.

12. Addiscombe Recreation Ground update

An update is attached

Gill is aware of issues with Tesco over their blue counter scheme and has reported to Groundwork and Tesco.

Once we know the amount of money we will receive from Tesco the gardening group can make plans.

13. 20mph speed limit

Signage has gone up with some covered up and others not.

Paul Pinder advised that the 20mph speed limit comes into force on 7 April.

14. Use of social media

Lyn (Road Rep for Colworth) has set up a Facebook page for Jumbletrail and raised the question of ASPRA's use of social Media

Paul Pinder advised he set up an ASPRA Facebook page some while ago but it needs updating.

Some discussion was had about the advantages of us having a Facebook page and the amount of work required to maintain it. Overall it was decided it was a good idea as once people like the page they receive the updates. Phil suggested the articles for the magazine could go on there as and when he receives them.

Nicola of Colworth Road has volunteered to set up and manage a Facebook page for ASPRA.

It was also suggested that we advertise our Facebook page in the next magazine.

15. Effect of Blackhorse Lane closure on local traders

Independent traders are losing money as the Woodside bridge closure has cut off people from Woodside. The situation is so serious that some are considering closing.

Councillor Maddie that if they are successful on the 1 March in setting up a Traders Forum this would help the traders have a stronger and more powerful voice.

When asked Councillor Maddie confirmed that it was not possible to open the bridge for either light traffic or one way traffic.

Individuals should write to TFL (Maddie to provide the name of the person) and lobby them. Steve O'Connell GLA member and councillor should also be contacted.

Dave postmaster offered to circulate information on this if he is provided with the wording.

We need to promote and use our local independent traders and encourage them to form a Traders Forum.

There was no update on the vacant shops.

16. Plans for the 2017 AGM

It was agreed that the format would be the same as last year.

Items for the agenda need to be with the secretary by which is 30 April.

Steve chairman asked for the traffic lights at Ashburton Park to be put on the agenda.

Councillor Maddie offered a sound system.

17. AOB

Shirley Vine is unhappy that not all post boxes have a late collection and that you need to search for one.

Steve chairman advised that Addiscombe Court Road was to be made one way for the whole of its length and that this may have traffic implications for our area. Dave thought this was unlikely to make much difference.

A resident of St Mildred Court raise the issue of smoke and air pollution. She advised that as we are in a valley we tend to suffer badly from this. She said some of the cause was people not burning the correct type of wood in their wood burning stoves. She asked us all to act as detectives on this and reporting any problems to Environmental Health who will act on it. She asked if anyone knew the source of a particularly bad area of pollution in Craven Road but no one did.

Fred our Treasurer found this current and relate story in the Croydon Advertiser – link below

<http://www.croydonadvertiser.co.uk/bonfires-and-wood-burning-stoves-could-be-banned-in-bid-to-cut-155-air-pollution-deaths-a-year/story-30124976-detail/story.html>

Mike (Road Rep for Glenthorne) thought members might like to know that last Saturday (4th) a previous resident, Herta Stanton who used to live at no. 39 for many years, celebrated her 100th birthday together with many friends, family and ex neighbours who came from all over the world.

She now lives in a care home in Crowborough but still has a very lively mind and was obviously enjoying the event very much – especially the card from the Queen, presented to her by the local Mayor. She says she misses living in Glenthorne Avenue very much.

18. Dates of next meetings all at St Mildreds:

- Thursday 27 April 2017 19:30-22:00 AGM in the Pavilion
- Wednesday 14 June 2017 Road Representatives Meeting in the Small Hall
- Monday 4 September 2017 Road Representatives Meeting in the Small Hall
- Thursday 8 February 2018 in the Small Hall