

A.S.P.R.A.
MEETING WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ROAD REPS.
8th JULY 2014. 20:00 Hrs.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Hilary introduced Malcolm Saunders who gave a short talk on the Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association (CBNWA). The talk was well received and a Q&A session followed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from:
 - Frederick Law – Treasurer and Vice Chairman
 - Jane Fisher – Secretary
 - Paul Pinder – Road Rep Addiscombe Road
 - Patricia West – Road Rep Annandale Road
 - Jenny Crook – Road Rep Bingham Road (1-94)
 - Sharon Rees – Road Rep Fryston Avenue
 - Mike Rothan – Road Rep Glenthorne Avenue
 - Anne Jameson – Road Rep Shirley Road
 - Mike Foster – Road Rep Whitehall Gardens
3. Hilary provided an overview of the minutes of the last meeting held on 25th February 2014 and these minutes were agreed by all present.
4. ASPRA has made an application to the Council for the area to be granted Local Heritage Area Designation. This is considered to be one step below a Conservation Status and will help protect the character of the area. We await a Council decision on this.
5. A date for the Mayor of Croydon to unveil the plaque celebrating the author R. F. Delderfield, who lived in Ashburton Avenue, has been proposed – Thursday 4th September at 10:00. Once confirmed by the Mayor's office, Hilary will circulate the confirmation.
6. Hilary reported that the Ismaili Centre had held a charity event packing hampers for the needy. This was part of their Ramadan celebrations and similar events will be held in the future.
7. ASPRA will challenge the approval of a planning application to demolish and re-erect a two-story building at 149 Shirley Road. Currently a Dental Surgery, the new building, which would continue to be a surgery, is considered completely out

of character with the surrounding area. ASPRA representatives will attend the Planning Committee meeting to object to the plans.

8. Bob Sleeman, the ASPRA Advertising Manager, has produced a "Job Description" for our Road Representatives. Road Reps are asked to review this as part of a review of the Road Rep's responsibilities and processes – also see next item, 9. The possibility of issuing Road Reps with ID Badges was discussed and it was agreed that these would need to be enamel to prevent forgery.
9. The meeting was asked if the present system of sending subscriptions to the Treasurer was working? A lively discussion followed and it was agreed that the present process for collecting subscriptions, paying them to the Treasurer, handling cash and maintaining Membership lists needed a complete review. It was also agreed that the collection of subs by electronic transfer was confusing the matter of membership records. In order to kick-start this review Kiff Paddon – Road Rep for Ashburton Avenue – agreed to produce a sample process for all of the above which can be circulated and used as to start the consultation.
10. There has been no progress on the proposal for the provision of a Public Noticeboard for Addiscombe.
11. The next AGM is to be held on 3rd September 2014. At this meeting some changes to the ASPRA constitution will be proposed. These are likely to be the removal of the need for members to be provided with receipts for their subscription payment, the change of the AGM date from September to April and the change of the financial year to Jan-Dec. As always, nominations and volunteers for office will be needed.
12. AOB. A resident in Bingham Road has complained about the behavior of some pupils from the OASIS academy. One of the ASPRA magazines was delivered with a leaflet from the Conservative party. This was just a coincidence but reminds us that ASPRA must remain politically neutral.