



Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents Association

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Minutes of the ASPRA Meeting Held Thursday 14 June 2018 8-10pm in the Small Hall St Mildred's

1. Apologies

Chris Facey, Sarah Hills, Terry Eames, Mike Rothon, Cllrs Sue Bennett and Gareth Streeter of Shirley North Ward, Maddie Henson, John Aitken, Jane Walsh, Phil Poole and Lorna Elliott.

2. Introductions

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

Read and accepted.

4. Chairperson update

Attended a meeting re traffic changes and the impact on Elgin Road and concerned knock-on effect will be for more traffic in our area.

Congratulations for best magazine ever.

£495 been paid up by errant advertiser and chasing six others.

Thomas Hall our founder is going to be interviewed by Phil Poole or Colin Gamm for the magazine next year to mark our 30th anniversary. Some frivolity in the next issue is a 20mph sign (which he showed us) as a centre spread to be cut out and paste to a table tennis bat and used to wave at offending motorists. Steve is hoping the Evening Standard will pick up on this.

Throughout the meeting concerns and references were made to planning applications in our area so I have briefly put this all together here:

49-51 Shirley Road planning permission has been rejected but general view is there will be another application.

Steve mentioned that permission for a pair of semi-detached houses has been granted at 144 Addiscombe Road. Investigations (according to Council planning site) reveal this is 146 Addiscombe Road with permission granted on 23 February 2018 following referral to the planning subcommittee.

The requested development for 114 Addiscombe Road will be heard at the Planning Committee Meeting on 21st June at 6.30pm, following the registering of an objection to the proposed development. Jeet advised that covenants mentioned by Bob Sleeman are not considered under planning law. We are all encouraged to attend this meeting.

5. ASPRA Vacancies

None (first time ever anyone could remember us being in this situation).

6. Magazine update

Report attached.

7. Adverts Update

Report attached.

Colin reminded us that whilst it is good news to be getting more advertisements, they will be adding more editorial pages to balance the magazine and also need more contributions from us.

Jenny suggested putting a note in the magazine asking readers to tell advertisers where they got their details from.

Also suggested was advertisers should be asked to put a copy of their advert in their shop windows.

Following discussions on costs Dave suggested looking at whole ASPRA finance picture and working out fixed and variable costs.

Colin noted that most advertisers have paid for three issues in advance which will erode the bank balance in future months.

Steve said he had been contacted about an advert about natural birthing.

8. Website and Social Media update

Bob advised he has put a lot of updates on to the site.

George said he is building us a new version of the website.

Discussion on advertising and costs on our website. Bob confirmed there are no additional website costs if we include advertisers.

Nicola informed us that Facebook has increased to 195 followers and seems to be going fine and inspiring people to write comments. She encourages us to include photos and posters with anything we would like put up as this catches the eye. You can contact her or email the secretary who will pass on your information. She regularly provides information on the play street, Addiscombe Railway Park, litter picking at the tram stop and has a link to our Jumble Trail Facebook page. She received positive comments on the Tesco Bags of Help event.

9. Finance update

Balance on current account stands at £7484.

Colin spoke about his new access allowing him to promptly check advertiser's payments.

Dave also confirmed the usefulness of his new access for keeping track of memberships fees which were coming in at the moment.

10. Projects update

Report attached.

Hilary canvassed those present for their views on the Silent Soldier and it was agreed to go ahead.

Councillor Jeet Baines has offered to fund it from his ward budget.

11. Membership and Postmaster update

Report attached.

Update since the report is we currently have 368 members which is up on this time last year and Road Reps are still collating so more members in the pipeline.

For safety and in an uncertain world about GDPR, if a member does not include their email address on the envelope any previous email address provided should be removed. Dave will validate this against the email replies received regarding contact and has also put an opt out notice on his email signature.

12. Councillors' updates

Councillor Richard Chatterjee (Shirley North Ward) began by explaining he had a "slither of our patch" the other side of Shirley Road and that development in that area had already been covered in this meeting. Claire Brialey mentioned how bad the potholes are in Shirley Road and with all the lorries for the redevelopment site it was really bad making the houses shake. Richard encourages us all to report any pot holes to the council and not just those in our area.

Councillor Jeet Baines (Addiscombe East Ward) spoke about dumped cars and how we can check if they are taxed and contact the council for removal. John Morrall advised him that Craven Road has a continuing problem with vans parked.

Jeet is aware of the traffic issues mentioned in the chairman's report and he attended CHASE's AGM so knows this is becoming quite a heated situation. Elgin Road currently has traffic counters and the matter is being reviewed.

Ashburton Park tree cutting and pruning was delayed to ensure safety of the bats in the area. The cafe due to open shortly. He has surgeries there and at St Mildreds on a Saturday each month.

Jeet is obtaining information on Black Horse bridge and will arrange for it to be circulated.

George asked him about the new wheelie bins and he advised a council letter will be going out to us all explain the new system. Since the meeting Bob has put a link on the website about this.

Jeet mentioned that his ward has several small residents' associations which could consider merging. The previous area he covered was larger and had only one association.

Steve asked if the Fairfield Hall would be open for the Christmas panto but from what was reported at the AGM it seems very unlikely.

13. Jumble Trail update

We were shown the two-sided leaflet. 3700 are to be printed. ASPRA Road Reps will be asked to deliver to their roads.

HOME, CHASE and Blackhorse Residents' associations had a meeting with ASPRA and agreed that the profits would be put towards the cost of the Addiscombe Christmas lights.

Facebook page has been set up and there is already a lot of interest including two Guide companies.

Councillor Maddie Henson will support the advertising costs from her ward budget.

Allen Heritage will be approached again to see if they will support us with their advertising boards.

The original Jumble Trail website has closed down so this year paper application forms will be a paper version which will be collected in Café Adajio for passing on to the organisers.

The event takes place on **Sunday 30 September**.

14. Addiscombe Recreation Ground update

The gardening group held a community morning recently and carried out weeding and covering the two beds with compost. Contributions of plants received that day were planted and the flowerbeds look great.

A new hose has been provided to help make watering easier.

Our councillors Jeet and Maddie have set up a project to improve the park, with support of locals/park users and Colin advised that double yellow lines are being considered at the Fryston Road Park entrance to ensure access is available for the emergency services.

15. AOB

Bob advised that following an article in the magazine some residents met with Councillors Maddie and Jeet and walked around the area considering issues relating to traffic calming. He thanked Maddie and Jeet who are now in discussion with highways about a possible traffic island at the junction of Selwood Road and Birchtree Way, repainting the faded redlines by St Mildreds Church and a pedestrian refuge at the junction of Bingham Road and Lower Addiscombe Road.

Colin showed some photos of road signs in his road which do not make sense but nobody could help.

Margaret asked if it was legal to fly-tip after 5pm as a lady in a flat near her insisted it was. Jeet confirmed it is not allowed. Hilary suggested putting a note on the bus stop where this is happening.

Lyn informed us that on Saturday 23 June she and Vicky, another ASPRA member will be at the tram stop from 9.30 to 12.30 to improve the area and welcome offers of support. Since the meeting Dave has circulated details to members.

Colin held up the cover of our magazine and SPAN's with a lovely furry bunny on the front and asked our preference. There was a varied response that including a suggestion for bats (presumably relevant re earlier comments on tree pruning in Ashburton Park)

There was some discussion on the Addiscombe shops with confirmation that Leslie's greengrocers has gone out of business and the double-fronted large shop that has been vacant for a very long time is according to "gossip" thought to become a Turkish supermarket.

16. Dates of next meetings all at St Mildreds:

- Wednesday 5 September 2018 ASPRA Meeting in the Small Hall
- Wednesday 6 February 2019 ASPRA Meeting in the Small Hall
- Thursday 25 April 2019 ASPRA AGM in the Pavilion
- Wednesday 12 June 2019 ASPRA Meeting in the Small Hall