

THE ROYDS CONSERVATION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ST JOHNS CHURCH, BAKER STREET, POTTERS BAR

MINUTES OF MEETING: TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2014

Attendees: Ralph Ferne
Rita Ferne
Jim Ford
Joyce Ford
Aiden Galligan
Sue Galligan
Brenda Gerrard
Michael Reeve
Viv Reeve
Jane Woodcock
Martin Woodcock
Judith Woodhead

Guests: Cllr John Donne
Andrew Rudge – Temporary Conservation Officer for Hertsmere

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1. Chairman opened the meeting.
 2. Secretary gave introduction to the AGM including welcome to guests Cllr John Donne and Andrew Rudge, the temporary Conservation Officer for Hertsmere.
 3. No committee absences. A very fair turn out from members of the association. Approximately 60 - 65 members attended.
 4. Chairman's update on work of the association during 2013/2014.
 - Appraisal
 - CPZ/roads
 - Planning applications
 5. Treasurer gave financial update. General request for assistance from the members whether anyone could sign off the final accounts for year 2013-20014.
 6. Martin gave an update on the tree situation: Peter Knell has confirmed funding for replacement trees for The Royds Conservation Area. Members to help in watering.
 7. Election of Officers and Committee members. All the current officers and committee were willing to stand for re-election for the next year, and as there had been no nominations for new members, this was passed.
 8. The Constitution was approved.

9. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.
10. Chairman spoke of the "Good Neighbour Scheme" – to try and improve the quality of life for the residents.
11. Andrew Rudge spoke about the Appraisal on the Royds Conservation Area. A draft Appraisal had been conducted last year. He was currently working on the Design Guidance which could then lay the foundations for introducing Article 4 Direction. This withdraws permitted development rights. It is envisaged that by the end of the summer 2014 there will be a Public Consultation.
12. Questions from residents were raised and Cllr Donne kindly agreed to look into the following issues.
 - a. Concern was raised over the state of the pavements: - this is a County Council Highways Issue but Cllr Donne agreed to look into this matter.
 - b. Quality control of the maintenance of grass verges. Complaints about the state of verges. Cllr Donne informed the meeting that 13 cuts per year was provided by the council. Again he agreed to look into the matter.
 - c. Overhanging of trees/maintenance of trees scratching cars.
 - d. In order to save money the council now turn off side street lights 11.45 pm approx. Residents bemused when some street lights staying on 24/7. Difficulty with council responding to notification.
 - e. Issue raised by member regarding crossing Baker Street and whether it would be possible to put a mid road island to aid this problem. Again Highways issue and speeding a police issue.
 - f. Neighbour Hood Watch Signs regarding cold calling are located very high on the lamp posts. Cllr Donne responded that this is due to a Health and Safety issue.
13. A request was made for any helpers to distribute leaflets in Elmroyd Avenue. Two members agreed to help. No.65 Elmroyd Avenue, Wendy Clark and No.10 Elmroyd. Mrs Clark left her phone number.
14. Chairman closed meeting with thanks to guests, committee and residents. All were invited to stay for refreshments.
15. Date of next committee meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 19 August 2014 at Joyce and Jims.

