## Annual General Meeting (following introductory talk at 7.30)

Thursday 29 June 2017, 7.30pm to 9.00pm approx. at Mission Care, Willett House, Kemnal Road

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 30 June 2016
- 3. Chairman's report
- 4. Treasurer's report
- 5. To approve the accounts of the Association to 5 April 2017
- 6. Election of Officers and Committee and reappointment of Independent Examiner
- 7. To confirm Road Fund contributions of £40 for 2017/18
- 8. Questions & discussion

#### **Present Officers and Committee**

**NB.** All posts are subject to re-election annually at the AGM. Nominations for Officers or Committee should be made to the Chairman in writing before the AGM.

After many years service as the Association's Treasurer, Avril GreatRex is resigning from this post, though she is happy to remain on the Committee if re-elected. We are pleased that Wendy Hadler-Cash (Mulbarton Court) has agreed to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer if she is elected to the Committee.

We are sad to lose the services of Graham Pedgrift, a long-serving past Chairman, who after many years membership of the Committee is moving away from Kemnal Road. We wish Graham and Jean every happiness in their new home.

Chairman	David Viles	Inglewood Cottage
Vice Chairman	Anthony Burrett	Nizels
Treasurer (not from 2017/18)	Avril GreatRex	Trees
Secretary	Vinod Khanna	20 Pickwick Way
Committee members:	Tony Allen	The Coach House
	Mandy Clark	Waldens
	Lin Limbrey	Middlemarch
	Alec McTavish	17 Worsley Grange
Not Standing for 2017/18	Graham Pedgrift	Westerland Lodge



# KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Summer 2017

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### NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2017

### A.G.M

## Thursday 29 June 2017, 7.30pm Mission Care, Willett House, Kemnal Road

#### A NEW VENUE FOR YOUR AGM

Please note that the AGM will be held this year in the meeting room at Willett House, and we are grateful to the management of Mission Care for the use of this facility. Willett House is opposite Inglewood and in front of Selwood House, the previous AGM venue.

#### **KEMNAL ROAD IS YOUR ROAD!**

Kemnal Road is unadopted by the Council, and its maintenance (including the footpath and grass verge) is entirely the residents' responsibility. For this purpose, each household in Kemnal Road and its side roads is asked to make an annual subscription to the Road Fund. KRA is headed by a Committee of volunteers. The Committee is elected annually by residents of Kemnal Road and its side roads (defined as members of the Association). We would welcome new Committee members, particularly residents of Dickens Drive/Pickwick Way and Acorn Close who are currently under-represented. If you feel able to give some time to ensuring Kemnal Road continues to be one of the most attractive roads in Bromley, please contact the Chairman. David Viles. on 020 8467 4159.

#### THE AGM

The agenda is on the back of this newsletter. This is the one time when we, as residents, can get together to discuss the maintenance of the road and how your subscriptions are spent, and to talk about matters of mutual interest which have arisen during the year. The Committee really does appreciate your input – so please come, and enjoy a glass of wine (or soft drink) with us afterwards!

#### **INTRODUCTORY TALK**

We are looking forward this year to a talk from Joanna Friel, Vice-Chair of the Chislehurst Society and their lead on heritage matters. 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of Conservation Areas, and all of Kemnal Road sits within the Chislehurst Conservation Area. Joanna will speak about how she and her team are working to make the Conservation Area, one of the largest in London, more relevant to residents, planners and potential developers in the next half century. Joanna's s talk will start at 7.30, preceding the business part of the AGM.

### **OUR ONLINE PRESENCE**

#### KEMNAL ROAD WEBSITE — www.kemnal-road.org.uk

This website gives details of the KRA Constitution and access to AGM and Committee minutes, as well as many facts and illustrations about the history of our beautiful road. The website will also keep you up to date with current issues.

#### **E-MAIL ALERTS**

We have set up an e-mail facility for members to communicate directly with the Committee. If you are interested in joining this, please record your name and e-mail address on the list which will be circulated at the AGM.

#### IWITTER

Kemnal Road has a Twitter Account - @KemnalRoad. Keep up to date by following us!

#### CONTACT US

To contact us online with any comments or problems — Comments@kemnal-road.org.uk

### **ROAD MATTERS**

- During the autumn, several stretches of pavement at the southern end
  of the road damaged by tree roots and subsidence were reinstated and
  a new pavement was also laid on the corner with Dickens Drive. Rotten or
  overturned wooden bollards at the southern end were replaced.
- This spring, an additional road hump was installed north of Acorn Close following soundings with residents via last year's opinion survey. All the white line (and chevron road markings each side of the road humps) were also repainted and additional white lines were marked to deter parking in potentially hazardous areas of the road please note that a white line means 'no parking' for safety reasons! Extra '20mph' road markings were also laid down in key locations to discourage speeding. The Committee will be keeping the effectiveness of these markings under review.
- There are always tasks to do such as cutting back encroaching vegetation and trimming trees. Your Committee members are happy to do this, but extra help at occasional weekend working parties would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Chairman or Secretary if you can help.
- We can always use more volunteer key holders for the 4 grit bins in Kemnal Road, who are able and willing to spread grit in severe winter weather.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Our NHW Coordinator is Lin Limbrey, who lives at Middlemarch. To receive up to date information on NHW matters, you only need to register your interest. Please e-mail Lin at lin.limbrey@virginmedia.com.

The Chislehurst Police Safer Neighbourhood Team is located at Bromley Police Station, High Street, Bromley BR1 1ER, tel. 020 8721 2612, e-mail: Chislehurst. snt@met.police.uk

### **AMENITY STRIP**

The wooded area between The Coach House and Ashfield Lane is administered by 4 Trustees, who are also Committee members of the Association. The Trustees have no funds, and members at the AGM have agreed to contribute up to £1,000 per year to allow the Trustees to carry out essential safety works, and also to fund any further safety work which might be needed in future years.

A priority for the Trustees is to tidy up the area at the junction with Ashfield Lane, which does not give a welcoming impression to Kemnal Road. This has been delayed by the extensive work which Openreach has been carrying out to install fibre optic broadband equipment at the Ashfield Lane junction. The good news is

that Openreach have made a one-off payment of £846 in recognition of the use of the Strip for their equipment, and this will be used by the Trustees to improve the appearance of the junction.

### THE WIDER AREA

The KRA have continued to contribute to consultations on planning in connection with major developments affecting the road during the year. The Association is one of the bodies which LB Bromley has undertaken to consult on any proposals to reconfigure the roads around the Common in order to reduce the number of accidents. We will keep everybody informed of developments via the website and by e-mail.

### **ENVIROMENTAL NUISANCES**

There have been some fly-tipping/littering incidents on the verges during the year. Sometimes LB Bromley are willing to remove the rubbish but this is not always the case as Kemnal Road is 'unadopted'. We would like to have members' views about this issue at the AGM.

We sometimes get complaints about noise caused by neighbours or other occupants of properties in the road. The Association is not in a position to intervene in such disputes, but Bromley Council's out of hours noise service (tel. 0300 303 8671) should be able to help.

### **ROAD FUND**

At last year's AGM, members agreed that the annual subscription be increased to £40 per household for 2016/17. In response to representations made by some members at the meeting, it was agreed that £40 should be the minimum contribution. Given the projected budget for the forthcoming year, your Committee proposes no change to the £40 per household minimum subscription for 2017/18, and members are asked to confirm this at the AGM. Providing there are no major unexpected events, no further increase will be needed for at least the next 2 years.

### **MATTERS RAISED AT THE 2016 AGM**

- Car parking and drugs use/dealing: We would be interested to hear whether members feel this type of anti-social behaviour has changed during the year.
- Parking in Kemnal Road obstructing vehicles turning into and out of Dickens
  Drive: White lines have been installed at this junction to deter parking, and
  also around the individual driveways between Mulbarton Court and Kemnal
  Warren to give residents better sightlines when exiting onto Kemnal Road. The
  Committee will keep the effectiveness of these measures under review.