

KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (KRA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2016 AT SELWOOD HOUSE,
7.30pm**

INTRODUCTORY TALK BY SAM PETTMAN

After an interesting illustrated talk from Sam Pettman, National Trust Ranger, about the history and management of the Trust's Petts Wood and Hawkwood Estate, the meeting was formally opened.

PRESENT:

Officers:

David Viles	Chairman
Tony Burrett	Vice Chairman
Avril GreatRex	Treasurer
Vinod Khanna	Secretary

Committee members:

Tony Allen
Lin Limbrey
Graham Pedgrift

The Chairman welcomed around 20 members to the meeting, and introduced the other officers and members of the Committee who were present.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Mrs Grierson, Jonathan D'Maid, Alec McTavish (Committee member)

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2015

The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to actions taken on matters raised at the last AGM, as set out in the Newsletter.

The minutes were agreed as a true record, as proposed by Avril GreatRex and seconded by Tony Allen, and it was agreed that they be accepted and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

3 CHAIRMANS' REPORT

David referred members to the report/newsletter already circulated and highlighted the following items on which the Committee had focused during the year:

- Potholes and irregularities in the northern part of the road have been repaired.
- The edge of the roadway outside Mulbarton Court had deteriorated significantly in recent years, largely due to vehicles parking and wearing down the road edge causing mud and puddles to form in wet weather. A new kerb was therefore installed in the Spring to protect the edge of the road and divert rainwater away. The Committee was grateful to residents along this part of the road for their financial contribution to this work which had greatly enhanced the appearance of the road.
- The need for action to be taken to slow traffic between Foxbury Manor and Dickens Drive.
- There are always tasks to do such as cutting back encroaching vegetation and trimming trees. Committee members are happy to do this, but extra help at occasional weekend working parties would be greatly appreciated. Members were invited to contact the Chairman or Secretary if they could help.
- Turning into Ashfield Lane: concerns raised by residents about the way in which hedges and bins on Ashfield Lane affect drivers' visibility of oncoming traffic. This issue had been raised with Bromley Council's road safety Department. However, their response was that they did not consider the hedges constituted a hazard to turning traffic and they could not intervene as the bins were not on the Council's property.
- The issue of road safety on Ashfield Lane arising from the fast-moving traffic and the lack of a road crossing had also been raised with the Council without any positive response. The Committee would keep raising this issue at every opportunity.

David appealed for residents make a personal commitment to keep the road tidy and maintain it well. According to local estate agents' blurb, Kemnal Road is one of the best maintained private roads in SE London. He went on to say that it is 'your' road and the Committee would welcome

new members, particularly someone with financial experience to take over the Treasurer's role from Avril who had performed these duties for many years.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Income and Expenditure account for the year to 5 April 2016/15 were circulated. Avril highlighted expenditure of around £9,500 thus leaving £25,500 in the bank, enough in reserve for resurfacing about two and a half sections of the road out of the total of eight sections.

David thanked Avril for all her hard work in collecting subscriptions and keeping the finances in good order. Graham Pedgrift also thanked Avril and asked for this to be noted in the minutes.

5 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO 5 APRIL 2015

Mr. Sinnott proposed that the Treasurer's report to be accepted; this was seconded by Lin Limbrey.

There were no votes against, so the accounts were approved unanimously.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Vinod Khanna took the Chair.

Tony Allen proposed that David Viles be reappointed as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr. Sinnott seconded this proposal. **There being no other nominations, it was resolved that David Viles be appointed as Chairman for 2016/17.**

David reassumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

David proposed Tony Burrett as the Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Avril GreatRex. **There being no further nominations, it was agreed that Tony Burrett be appointed as Vice Chairman.**

David said that the Committee needed a volunteer to join the Committee with financial experience to take over the Treasurer's position. Avril said

as there was no one coming forward at present for this role, she was happy to continue for another year, but no longer. Tony Burrett proposed Avril for the Treasurer's position, seconded by Tony Allen. **There being no further nominations, it was agreed that Avril GreatRex be appointed as Treasurer.**

Mrs. Sinnott proposed Vinod Khanna as Secretary, seconded by Graham Pedgrift. **There being no further nominations, it was agreed that Vinod Khanna be appointed as Secretary.**

Mandy Clark from Waldens volunteered to join the Committee. Avril proposed her appointment and this was seconded by Vinod Khanna. Tony Allen, Lin Limbrey and Alec McTavish were proposed by Avril GreatRex for reappointment to the Committee for another year and seconded by Mrs. Sinnott. The meeting agreed that Tony Allen, Graham Pedgrift, Alec McTavish and Mandy Clark be appointed/reappointed to the Committee.

The Chairman then asked for the agreement of the meeting to the re-appointment of Mr P Grierson as Independent Examiner. Tony Burrett proposed this appointment, which was seconded by Avril GreatRex and agreed by the meeting.

7 ROAD FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016/17

The Chairman confirmed that, as indicated at the 2015/16 AGM, the Committee proposed that the annual subscription be increased to £40 per household for 2016/17. He went on to say that the road repair and grounds maintenance costs had increased, as confirmed by the Treasurer. Some residents present at the meeting pointed out that the subscription for KRA was at a much lower level than for other private roads in the area and that an increase beyond £40 should be considered. Following some discussion, **it was agreed that the subscription be raised to £40 pa., but that this should be regarded as a minimum contribution.**

8 OPEN DISCUSSION – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON ANY OTHER TOPICS OF CURRENT CONCERN

One member expressed concern about some people coming to use Kemnal Road for parking cars and selling/taking drugs after 9-10pm. The Chairman advised not to act in such a way as to endanger anyone over this issue and suggested any recurrence should be brought to the attention of the local police.

Another resident raised the issue of hedges on Ashfield Lane overgrowing the pavements, which must affect people walking on them.

The ongoing issue of parked vehicles in Kemnal Road affecting visibility for drivers coming out of Dickens Drive was raised. The Chairman said the Committee would look into this, taking account of any issues/ideas from the completed questionnaires received.

The footpath in the alleyway leading to the Belmont Parade needed some attention. The Chairman confirmed that it was the responsibility of Bromley Council to maintain this public footpath.

At the close of the meeting (21.15), the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and also for responding to the questionnaires.