

KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (KRA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 24 JUNE 2015 AT SELWOOD HOUSE

INTRODUCTORY TALK BY TONY ALLEN

After an interesting illustrated talk from Tony Allen, a Committee Member of the KRA and Chairman of the Chislehurst Society, about the First World War diaries of Agnes Tiarks of Foxbury, the meeting was formally opened.

PRESENT:

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

The Chairman welcomed around 22 members to the meeting, as appended to these minutes.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Richard and Gordon, Mrs Grierson, Mr and Mrs Sinnott, Kathleen Lane (from Oaklands) and Geoff Richardson

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2014

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

3 CHAIRMANS' REPORT

The Chairman referred members to the report/newsletter recently circulated and highlighted the following points:

a. Road matters

After the resurfacing of two major sections last year, the road is standing up well to current volumes of traffic and no major repairs have been necessary. The Committee anticipates that only some local patching will be needed over the next few months.

The main "private road" sign near the Ashfield Lane junction had collapsed and was removed for safety reasons late last year. The Committee is grateful to Mr. Sinnott for getting it reinstalled.

Some Committee members had undertaken tasks such as cutting back encroaching vegetation and trimming trees etc. Whilst Committee members are happy to do this, extra help at occasional weekend working parties would be greatly appreciated; please contact the Chairman or Secretary via the KRA website if any resident can help.

b. Memorial bench

A memorial bench to Mr. P.K Chow was installed outside Willett House in April. Mr. Chow was a well-known figure in Kemnal Road, having lived for several years in Copperfield Way until his death in 2014. The Committee is very grateful to Mr. Chow's son for contributing the funds for the installation of this seat and its plinth in memory of his father. David thanked everyone involved for their help in putting the bench in place.

C. Amenity strip

Whilst the Amenity Strip is not part of the remit of the KRA, it impacts on Kemnal Road. KRA members agreed at the 2014 AGM to contribute up to £1,000 to carry out essential safety work to lop overhanging branches, fell rotten trees and control vegetation affecting the road; and also to fund any further safety work which might be needed in future years. Extensive work was done to the Amenity Strip in April, and it is hoped everyone will agree that the strip now looks much tidier.

d. Grit bins

There are grit bins at 4 locations along the road, each of which have 2 key holders. Another keyholder is urgently needed for the grit bin adjacent to Queenborough Gardens – he or she needs to be willing to help spread grit in a winter emergency. Volunteers are asked to contact the Chairman or Secretary via the KRA website.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the income and expenditure account for the year to 5 April 2015 were circulated. Avril GreatRex expressed her thanks to Mr Grierson for examining the accounts. Subscription income had increased compared with the previous year, reflecting the raising of the subscription to £35 as agreed at the 2014 AGM. 8 residents (3%) had not paid. There was a question from one of the members asking if anything could be done in relation to non-payers. Avril said that payment is in effect only a moral obligation on all residents using the road, and there did not appear to be anything more that could be done legally to enforce payment.

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

Tony Allen proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and this was seconded by Tony Burrett. There were no votes against the motion, so the report was accepted unanimously.

5 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO 5 APRIL 2014

Vinod Khanna proposed and Mr. Wood seconded the proposal that the accounts be approved and accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

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

Vinod Khanna took the Chair. Lin Limbrey proposed that David Viles be reappointed as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Tony Allen seconded this proposal. **There being no other nominations, it was resolved that David Viles be appointed as Chairman for 2015/16.**

David reassumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

He declared that the three other current Officers (Tony Burrett - Vice Chairman, Avril GreatRex – Treasurer and Vinod Khanna - Secretary) had agreed to stand again and asked for any further nominations. **There being no further nominations, it was agreed that Tony Burrett, Avril GreatRex and Vinod Khanna be appointed respectively as Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for 2015/16.**

David confirmed that all current Committee members (Tony Allen, Lin Limbrey, Alex McTavish, Graham Pedgrift and Brenda Whiting) had indicated their agreement to stand again and asked for any further nominations. Avril GreatRex proposed and Jean Pedgrift seconded the motion that all existing committee members be re-appointed.

There being no other nominations, it was resolved that the existing Committee members be re-appointed for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman then asked for the agreement of the meeting to the re-appointment of Mr P. Grierson as Independent Examiner, and confirmed that he was willing to stand.

Members unanimously agreed to the re-appointment of Mr Grierson as Independent Examiner for 2015/16.

7 ROAD FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015/16

Having regard to the current reserves and last year's increase in the annual subscription to £35, it was proposed that the subscription remain at the current level of £35 per annum and that (subject to approval at the 2016 AGM) the subscription be raised to £40 per household for 2016/17.

Donald Wells proposed this motion be accepted and it was seconded by Alex McTavish. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Question 1. What if there was more money in the reserves than required for current expenditure?

Response – Avril GreatRex said that the Committee would continue to keep balances under review and would not propose any increase in the subscription unless the overall budgetary situation (including balances) required it.

Question 2. Who owns Kemnal Road?

Response - Tony Allan said that it is owned by the Lord of the Manor. There had been some correspondence with his office in the past and their response was that it is not regarded by them as part of their assets.

There was discussion regarding parking on Kemnal Road by people who are not residents, including the issue of the parking of commercial vehicles. Apparently there had been some break-ins to parked vans. David Viles said that the Committee had looked into the issue of parking with a view to introducing yellow line markings, but because the road is unadopted by the Council there is no means of obtaining the necessary traffic order to enforce any restriction. Also, there is the issue of practicality as most of the parked vehicles belong to people who live locally.

Concerns were also expressed about:

- Safety issues for drivers exiting from Kemnal Road caused by the growing hedge in Ashfield Lane and dustbins affecting drivers' visibility. David said that the Committee had discussed this issue and attempts had been made to liaise with the owners/residents of the property concerned.
- Crossing Ashfield Lane in safety: it was suggested that there should be a demarcated crossing point on Ashfield Lane. Tony Allen agreed to liaise with the London Borough of Bromley regarding this matter as the issue was more within the remit of the Chislehurst Society than KRA.
- Cars parked on Dickens Drive close to Eaton Court, causing difficulties to drivers turning from Kemnal Road into Dickens Drive and vice-versa. Tony Allen agreed to liaise with the London Borough of Bromley on this matter also as Dickens Drive is an adopted road.

David thanked everyone for attending the meeting, which closed at 21.25. Drinks were made available by the Committee members for the attendees and most people stayed for a time of socialising.