

**Broomfield Home Owners' and Residents' Association**  
**Minutes of the Half Yearly Meeting**  
**held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Broomfield School**

Present: C. Chenier (in the chair), R. Blows, A. Forsyth, D. Honnor, S.Cliff and 40 others including David Burrowes MP & Cllr. A. Sitkin

Apologies: R.Turner

**Actions**

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| <b>1 Welcome and introductions</b>                        | C.Chenier welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced those who had been serving as the Association's committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |
| <b>2 Minutes of AGM held on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> | The Minutes were approved as a correct record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |
| <b>3 Co-Options</b>                                       | The meeting voted to approve the co-options to the committee in respect of R. Blows, S. Cliff, and R. Turner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |
| <b>4 Chair's Report</b>                                   | <p>C. Chenier reported on work undertaken since the AGM:</p> <p>a. <b>Planning Issues:</b><br/> This was the biggest issue that the committee had been involved with. Using the BHORA website the committee had posted draft objection letters for each planning application. which people could download and use. This had resulted in many objections having been made (for example 100 against the proposal for a McDonalds Drive-Thru facility).</p> <p>C. Chenier said that dealing with planning applications, which related to developments along the A406 had proved to be a most frustrating experience. Whatever objections had been made the Planning Committee had ignored them and approved the applications.</p> <p>C. Chenier asked what could be done. She said that the public were not opposed to building, but were opposed to the proposed scheme which was not in keeping with a settled residential area. Cllr. Sitkin said that the original proposal had been for 2,000 houses, but councillors' representations had reduced this to 1,300. He said he shared residents' frustrations, but stated that councillor representations had failed to reduce the height of new buildings that were being proposed. He added that government regulations and the GLA's London Plan placed the Council in a difficult position when dealing with planning applications.</p> <p>A question was posed whether legal advice had been sought: A. Sitkin replied that Council lawyers had been consulted.</p> <p>D. Honnor said that PTAL's were being used to determine housing densities. As these were really about transport accessibility. He thought them inadequate and said that planners should be calculating increases in population to identify over-</p> | <p>C. Chenier</p> |

crowding on a site to site basis. This had been taken up with GLA representative J. McCartney.

A questioner asked why a house in Minchenden Crescent Had been demolished save its outer walls: C. Chenier said she would look into this. C. Chenier

Another questioner raised an issue concerning fly tipping in Cranbrook Lane: C. Chenier said she would look into the problem. C. Chenier

b. **Travellers on Site 6:** The travellers had created havoc while on site, but had removed after a week.

c. **Safety on the A406:**

- i. Considerable effort had been required to improve access to Milton Grove and adjacent roads from the A406. A lane had now been blocked, which was helpful, but it had caused tailbacks as far as East Finchley at times. A report was awaited from TfL about a better long-term solution. GLA Representative, J. McCartney is following this up.
- ii. Further observations on the A406 revealed that corners were too sharp (loads falling off), children were crossing at places other than official crossings (reported to Broomfield School),
- iii. **Draft Management Document (DMD):** Representations had been made to the Council about aspects of this report, which will be used as a benchmark to determine future planning applications once adopted.

d. **Sponsorship:** C. Chenier reported that she was pleased to say that Oyster Estate Agents had offered to print and distribute the next newsletter.

## 5 Accounts

D. Honnor explained:

- a) The new committee had not received the books of account or gained access to the Bank Account until August 2013. The handover had only been made possible after solicitors had been asked to write to the previous Chair to obtain necessary documentation.
- b) The ledger received showed that the last audited accounts were for the year ending December 2004 and that the records had been poorly maintained in recent years.
- c) As a consequence of the above the accounts had to be reconstructed. This had been done from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 so that the accounts under discussion were for the period April to September 2013.
- d) He referred to the accounts:
  - A deficit of £483 had occurred in the 6-month period,
  - Expenditure had been £603, Income £120.
  - The main items of expenditure were £320 for two mail-outs and £246 for Legal Fees when the committee sought to obtain the accounts from the previous committee.

- Income was mainly subscriptions, which highlighted the need to sign up new members.
- He did not want to see the Association running up deficits to deplete its reserves and said that a break-even situation should be the aim.
- With regard to the Balance Sheet he reported that the Association was worth about £3,000, which was held in a bank account. He called attention to the Contingent Liability of £573 said to be owed to Mr. Tony Newton. All the committee knew of this was a note in the ledger, but they had no knowledge how this sum arose or why the previous committee had not paid it, if valid. The committee currently awaited an explanation from the previous Chair.

## 6 Report from the Police

Lorna Taylor reported that:

Changes in organisation had been implemented in September;

- Safer Neighbourhood teams had been closed down
- Five teams of police who served 8 wards were now based at Southgate police Station.
- Contact times had been reduced at Southgate and Enfield police stations, but another access point had been opened at Morrisons in Palmers Green.
- It was too early to say how the changes implemented had impacted policing
- A dispersal zone had been approved for the area of Telford Rd, Station Rd, Bowes Rd, and the red brick estate. This allowed police to disperse people in the area and could lead to their arrest if they returned. Additionally it allowed the police to take minors home between 9pm and 6am. As a result of this 2 people had been sent to prison.
- On Green Lanes the Funky Lounge had had its licence revoked and police were opposing renewal at the Barossi club.
- Squatters were to be evicted next week from the old Labour Exchange on the A406. Once that was achieved the building was to be demolished.
- Police were to be at Homebase in New Southgate on 26<sup>th</sup> in order to help car owners secure their number plates. (this was in order to help reduce the widespread theft of number plates.
- In answer to a question it was confirmed that police do co-operate across borough boundaries.
- A questioner sought help on the Poets' Estate where cars have been scratched. The police undertook to keep a watch, particularly at weekends when the problem appears to be occurring.

David Burrowes asked if the new policing model had had an effect on priorities. He was told that there was no sign so far and that there were more police in the area than formerly.

At the end of the session Lorna Taylor was thanked for her report.

- 7 We Want Local Schools** Gonul Daniels outlined the campaign that was on-going to improve school provision. She explained how the group were pressurising the Council to provide more places and she outlined the problems encountered with tight catchment areas. She said that with rising numbers of children and with more houses being built the problem will only get worse. She wanted people to show support by signing up to their campaign on their website. She was also publicising the issue in the local papers.
- In answer to a question she said that Enfield do have places, but not where they are needed and people are faced with long journeys to secure their children's education.
- David Burrowes offered his support to the campaign and referred to Free Schools as an option. He also thought there was the possibility of having another year at Broomfield School. With regard to faith schools he pointed out that decisions were up to these schools alone and that at Walker School decisions to expand were up to the governors. He also said that admissions criteria were governed by legislation. He was also concerned that the local strategy was not sufficient.
- A question was put as to whether developers were bound to provide school places. In answer Cllr. Sitkin said that they were and David Burrowes mentioned that Garfield School's population was being expanded.
- 8 FERRA** Adrian Bishop-Lagett explained that FERRA is the umbrella organisation which coordinates the work of Residents Associations in Enfield. It concerns itself mainly with borough-wide Strategic issues, but also offers support to individual associations as needed. Its website is [feraa.org.uk](http://feraa.org.uk). It also had a strong relationship with TfL.
- C. Chenier reported that she had attended a recent meeting of FERAA and had been most encouraged. She said that it was her intention to work closely with FERRA.
- Mr. Bishop-Lagett was thanked for his contribution
- 9 Social Events** C.Chenier wanted to know if members were interested in the Association reviving social events and she asked people to let her know.
- 10 Pinkham Way Waste Plant** Cllr Sitkin reported that The North London Waste Authority had withdrawn their plans for a waste disposal plant on the A406. He recorded his thanks to David Burrowes MP and fellow councillors for their work in achieving this outcome. It was noted that the land still belonged to the Waste Authority, so options for its use need to be discussed.
- 11 Close** The meeting closed at 21:20

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