



NORTHWOOD HILLS
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**
The MBE for volunteer groups

**AGM Northwood Hills Resident Association
84th Annual general Meeting**

Wednesday 18th May 2022

Present

John Clark, Gregory Birch, John Fredenhal, Jane Clayfield, Joan Butterfield, Terry Butterfield, Wayne Feldman. Graham Mann, Maria Zulu, SA Hussein, JM Willis, ER Bassett, A Retter, Jo Crockford, Gareth Crockford, Ashish Sampat. G Heath, Paul Tanner, S McNally. Kishan Bhatt, Carolyn Berven, Sjur Berven. Andrew Riley, Marion Riley, Tony Lane, Maggie lane, S Camen, A Shipman, S Askew, Cathy Clerk. Andrea Shearman, Simon Evans, Ban Rawson Jones, Margharet Kenlai, Jon Choopmai. Bobbie Ward, Alan Lester, Tegge Hamea, Jonathan Bianco, MP Logan, Jean Dent, A Wakejey, Peter Dale, Helen Evans, Sumeet Khetia, Dathly Chappell, Sheia Jackson, Laura Lavagnini. John Dando

We apologise if we have misspelt any names. Unfortunately some of the names on the sign in sheets were difficult to read.

Apologies for Absence

Lynne Halse, Fiona Morgan. David Simmonds CBE MP, Acting Police Sgt Alfie Thomas, Jan Choopani, Joan Butfield, Leo Mindel, Lesley Crowcroft, Maxine Goswell, Roxana Peters, Trevor Dixon

1. Presidents Opening Address

Prof TonyLane welcomed everyone to the AGM

2. . Matters arising

3. Chairman's report

Andrew Riley reported that NHRA had approached a GLA member for assistance to get the scaffolding removed from outside the station. With 48hs the scaffolding had been removed.

He was pleased that in November that permission was given to hold The Grand Switch On of the Christmas Lights event and there was great support by the local Community as well as businesses with particular mention of the Namaste Lounge and St John's School who sponsored the 20 ft. Christmas tree.

During the pandemic a team of NHRA volunteers came together to tackle the overgrown station gardens. A number of issues had arise which included moving watering cans up and down the Watford bound Platform. This has been helped by HSBC donating a bullion trolley which became surplus to requirements when the Eastcote branch had been closed.

On the London bound platform the hose connector was continuously removed by a person unknown, which culminated with the removal of the tap and all of the pipework by the TFL.. It took some detective work and pressure from our team but TFL quickly realized their error and a new tap source was quickly reinstated. The team is now entering the TFL Station gardens of the year contest and we wish them every success.

The Hills Echo is produced twice a year and delivered to every home and business in Northwood Hills. The editor and advertising manger do a fantastic job producing an 80-page newsletter and are having to turn away copy and advertising. AR requested that this would not deter anyone from submitting copy, as it was necessary to keep the Echo looking fresh.

Our Facebook now has 2,100 members. It is a great way for us to quickly pass on information to members.

Our web site that is managed by a student is a great source of information and is receiving around 300 hits per month.

NHRA has recently taken over the Community Notice board outside the Coop and rebranded it making it look fit for purpose.

Our Road Stewards now number around 100. Andrew apologised that for Covid reasons it had not been possible to hold this years thank you supper.

The envelope system to pay subscription is being used widely. Direct payments to NHRA's bank account have also increased.

We continue to hold Ward Panel meetings with the Police but are disappointed with the high turnover of Police Inspectors, Sergeants etc. PCSO Ricky who will be retiring in July was thanked for his role of Father Christmas.

Planning issues continue to take up a considerable amount of time. The biggest and by far most complex was the Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital Application. NHRA is pleased that we will soon have a new 'state of the art' Health centre but disappointed that 70 flats are to be built on the existing health centre site. There is also a fear that a developer may come back with a different application.

We are carefully monitoring the Joel Street Farm fields, as we know the land has been purchased and land banked by a developer awaiting a change of planning law.

Andrew thanked the Friends of the Rec group for the great work they are doing to overcome the drainage issues

He encouraged people to attend the 1st Northwood Jumble Sale and The Jubilee Picnic in the Park, which is being jointly arranged with Northwood Residents' Association.

In closing he reported that he had enjoyed working with the Committee over the last 12 months and if elected looked forward to working with the new Committee.

4. Hon Treasurer report

Since Fiona Morgan was unable to attend Alan Shipman presented the accounts. One participant commented that it was unfortunate that these accounts had not been audited in time for the meeting. It was stated that the auditor who had undertaken to audit the accounts had withdrawn but a replacement had been found. The accounts would be audited by the next committee meeting.

5. Election of Officers

The proposal for the various officials by the Committee was accepted in full

6. Presentation by Richard Kornicki CBE DL

Richard Kornicki Chairman of the Polish Air Force Memorial presented a talk entitled the Polish Air Force in Britain

7. Questions and Answers

A resident inquired whether anything could be done about foxes. It was stated that foxes were protected species. People should be encouraged not to feed them

A question was asked about Health and Safety in relation to the recently dug ponds in the park and on-going maintenance. Some discussion ensued as to whether they represented a safety issue

The Councillors were asked if there are any plans to reopen the public toilets in Joel Street. Cllr Bianco agreed to inquire but reminded people they had been closed due to repeated vandalism.

The Chair of the Friends of the Rec group inquired whether ownership of the Park could be changed to Northwood Hills Ward. Cllr Bianco explained this would need to be raised with the Boundary Commission when they next review boundaries, which will not happen for at least 8 years.

A resident asked why the children's playground in Wylchin Close was not being maintained. The Councillors agreed to raise this with the relevant Officers.

A resident asked why the UTC was not being threatened with closure as students were causing major problems, jumping over ticket barriers at the station and more. Cllr Bianco advised that Hillingdon was not responsible for the UTC, which had been set up by funding from the Baker Dearing Educational Trust. He will however, refer the anti social behavior to the relevant team at the Civic Centre.

Questions were asked why the extension to the Controlled Parking zone and Harlyn/Catlins Lane traffic calming measures had been delayed. Cllr Bianco reported that this was due to funding issues at TFL but hoped both projects would be implemented soon.

A question was asked about Parking on the pavements in Joel Street. Cllr Bianco gave details of the enforcement actions being taken.

A resident inquired about what actions LBH were taking to protect Joel Street Farmland from development. Cllr Bianco assured the meeting that no planning application had been submitted, the Council would resist any application and was awaiting to see the wording of the Government white paper which is said will give residents more power to stop developments.

8. Any other business

9. Presidents Concluding remarks

Prof Tony Lane thanked everyone for attending the AGM