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Northwood Hills Residents' Association

Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting, Thursday 23rd May 2019; 7:30pm

At Hillside Junior School, Northwood Way, HA6 1RX

(Subject to approval)

1) **Welcome:** A total of 80+ residents and visitors attended and were warmly welcomed by Tony Lane, the President, especially our MP, Nick Hurd. Hillside were thanked for hosting the meeting .

2) **Apologies for Absence:** received from Graham Mann, Jan Choopani, Lynne Halse, Fiona Morgan, Jim Last and John Morgan.

3) **President's Opening Address** Professor Tony Lane, President, opened the meeting thanking the committee and the Road, the Chairman Andrew Riley and all those present for supporting the NHRA. Councillor John Morgan, a previous chairman of NHRA, had just completed his year as mayor and his Mayor's Charity Appeal had raised £45,000 and the Council has matched that to make a grand total of £90,000.

4) **Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 16th May 2018:** Approved.

5) **Matters Arising:** None.

6) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to all present and thanked the committee for all their work. A summary of the activities of the last 12 months:

Autumn Clean-up day A similar event in April was postponed to June.

100th Remembrance Day service laid a wreath at the Northwood War memorial.

November Christmas Lights event Students from St John's, Hillside and Harlyn schools all took part.

Ahead of the Christmas Lights event, we wrote and adopted a Safeguarding policy which is on our web site, as are our accounts and GDPR policy.

In January, Committee members and guests visited the **Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge.**

In March we held our **Annual Supper** at Fairfield.

In June 2018 we joined with Fairfield Church to hold the **Big Lunch** on Salisbury Road green space.

In April Mayor John Morgan invited the Committee to visit **The Mayor's Parlour.**

Last September and this March 2018 we distributed **The Hills Echo** to over 4,000 copies homes in Northwood Hills.

Lois Goswell built our new **web site** which has received a lot of positive comments.

We considered growing **membership and subscriptions**. People's lives are changing and for many, the way they make payments today is not the same as it was 10 years ago. We need to be as flexible as possible. If you feel comfortable paying online, please do so.

As an example of NHRA being apolitical, last year we wrote to the **Ward Boundary Commission** regarding the Ward Boundary. The Commission agreed with the NHRA that Northwood Hills is a community and should not be split into two. We have to await the final proposal before commenting further.

We are grateful to the **Ward Councillors, the businesses, the Scouts, local Police and Fairfield** for all the support given to help us in our goal to make Northwood Hills the place where people want to live, work and enjoy.

The Councillors organized a traffic survey at the roundabout, which is still being reviewed by the Council Officers.

We spend time opposing a few of the many Planning application made by businesses and householders in Northwood Hills. Many of you will now are aware that the land at Joel Street Farm has been put up for sale. This could be attractive to developers willing to purchase and land bank the site hoping for a future change in Planning Law. Unfortunately, we cannot stop someone buying the site and equally until there is a planning application we can't do anything.

And finally, a small group of residents have joined together to tidy the Platform Gardens at Northwood Hills Station. If you are also able to help please do.

7) Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Police, Fire and London: Nick Hurd addressed the meeting:

- Pinner Cottage Hospital: a planning application from the NHS for a new health centre with sheltered housing is now expected by March 2020.
- The Safer Neighbourhood Team was thanked for their help with tackling crime
- The 2006 application for a cemetery at Joel St Farm had been overturned and the Green Belt status of the land was well understood

8) Hon. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the treasurer, Fiona Morgan, the unaudited accounts were tabled. The meeting agreed to accept the accounts once the audited version had be presented to the committee.

9) Election of Officers was agreed.

Position	Current Committee Member	Nominations agreed
President	Prof. Tony Lane	Prof. Tony Lane
Chairman	Andrew Riley BEM ACIB	Andrew Riley BEM ACIB
Vice Chairman	Leo Mindel	Leo Mindel
Vice Presidents	Herbert Levinger, Alan Lester, Trevor Dixon	Herbert Levinger, Alan Lester, Trevor Dixon
Hon. Secretary	Maxine Goswell (Temp)	Maxine Goswell
Minutes Secretary	Maxine Goswell	Maxine Goswell
Membership Secretary	Roxana Peters	Roxana Peters
Hon. Treasurer	Fiona Morgan FCCA	Fiona Morgan FCCA
Hon. Auditor	Jane Brighton ACMA	Jane Brighton ACMA
Transport Officer	Vacant: Information currently supplied by Anthony Wood	
Planning	Andrew Riley, Prof Bobbie	Andrew Riley, Prof Bobbie Ward,

	Ward, Sjur Bervan, Fred Suzic	Sjur Bervan
Press Officer	Andrew Riley	Andrew Riley
Environment Officer	Lesley Crowcroft - (Consultant)	Lesley Crowcroft -(Consultant)
Police Liaison	Graham Mann	Graham Mann
Health Officer	Joan Butfield	Joan Butfield
Quartermaster	Andrew Retter	Andrew Retter
Shops Co-ordinator	Andrew Riley/ John Choopani	Graham Mann/ John Choopani
Editor of The Hills Echo	Lucy Hulatt	Lois Goswell
Advertising	Vacant	John Choopani, Graham Mann, Jan Choopani,
Web Master	Ray Krystofiak/ Lois Goswell	Lois Goswell
Events Committee	Lynne Halse, Keith Blunden, Jane Clayfield, Terry Clayfield, Jo Crockford	Lynne Halse, Keith Blunden, Jane Clayfield, Terry Clayfield, Jo Crockford
Charity Donations Officer	N/A	Alan Shipman
Committee Members	Paul Akers, Ted Adams, Alan Shipman, Jean Bartoli	Paul Akers, Ted Adams, Jean Bartoli, Christine Sennington

10) Constitution amendment to the current statement:

The objects of the Association shall be:-

- a) To promote the efficient and economical administration of local government and public affairs of the District.
- b) To protect and watch over the interests of its Members.
- c) To preserve and improve the amenities of the District.

The meeting agreed to replace these by adopting the following Mission Statement:

- 1) To assist residents to preserve the environment of Northwood Hills and campaign on local issues e.g. planning & developments, anti-social behaviour etc..
- 2) To promote a sense of community and belonging, organising and providing information on events and other activities with the provision of details via social media, the website and magazine.
- 3) To act as a conduit for residents into organisations that represent them (eg councillors, police, doctors surgeries, schools) and to have good relations with them so that useful dialogue/advice can take place/be given.

11) PC Max Christmas, Hillingdon Borough Metropolitan Police: Sgt Jim Last was unfortunately unable to attend but PC Christmas gave an update on the crime figures for the ward and the initiatives being undertaken, such as 'A Street a week', library drop ins and the OWL messaging service.

12) Question Time A number of questions from the floor were answered, including:

Controlled Parking Zone; 1 hour parking restriction in the middle of week days was to be implemented in the (approx.) 10 roads who had requested it.

It was confirmed that the results of a traffic survey looking at the issues at the roundabout between Joel Street and Pinner Road would be discussed between the Councillors and Traffic Officers very shortly.

The mopeds driving across the green spaces are very difficult for the Police to deal with, particularly when they are youngsters without helmets and any chase could endanger life.

CCTV from the shops in Joel St can be helpful in deterring drug dealing but rarely can help in an actual arrest unless a Police Officer is able to be on the scene immediately. The Council is currently reviewing and upgrading its CCTV across the Borough.

The Emergency services were thanked for all they do for residents.

13) President's Closing Remarks

The President thanked all present for attending and reported that next year's AGM will revert to the usual Wednesday day of the week. The guest speaker, Richard Kornicki CBE DL, Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Ealing will talk about the role of the Polish Airforce in World War II.

Meeting closed at 9.30.

Forthcoming Events - Please Mark Your Diaries
The Big Lunch - Sunday 2nd June, 12.30-3pm Salisbury Road Green Space
Clean Up Day - Saturday 15th June, 10-11:30am outside Namaste Lounge
Christmas Lights Event - Saturday 16th November outside Namaste Lounge