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### Northwood Hills Residents' Association

Minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24th May 2017, 7:30pm

At Northwood School

#### **PRESENT**

A total of 50+ residents and visitors attended and were warmly welcomed by Tony Lane, the President. The School were thanked for hosting the meeting.

**1) Apologies for Absence:** received from Trevor Dixon and Herbert Levinger.

#### **2) President's Opening Address**

Professor Tony Lane, President, in the light of the terrorist attack in Manchester earlier in the week, opened the meeting with a minute's silence. He then thanked the committee and the Road Stewards for all their hard work, especially the Chairman.

**3) Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 25th May 2016:** Approved.

**4) Matters Arising:** None.

#### **5) Chairman's Report**

The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to all present.

In September and April we held our Clean-up days, Graham Mann was thanked for his organisation of these. September and March saw the production of our bi annual newsletter The Hills Echo. Particular thanks go to Alan Lester the editor. Our Road Stewards now have the opportunity to offer membership subscriptions by electronic banking.

In November we laid a wreath at the Northwood War Memorial.

The Grand Christmas Lights Switch On was in November. Father Christmas arrived on a horse drawn coach courtesy of Joel Street Stables. St John's school, Tesco, Wetherspoons, local shops and business all contributed to its success. We donated £100 to the Mayor of Hillingdon's Charities and a further £100 to CLIC Sargent, a children's cancer charity. Thank you to everyone involved in the organization of the event.

Your Residents' Association is apolitical but Syed Kamell, a London Member of the European Parliament, hosted a visit to the European Parliament, Brussels for members of the Committee and their guests in January. In March we held our Annual Thank You supper at Fairfield. Over 100 attended. Thanks to Ted Adams who cooked 85 chicken portions.

Planning happens throughout the year and is an area where we need additional help, so if you have any skills or an interest, please introduce yourself.

Nick Hurd was going attend tonight to give an update on the Northwood & Pinner Hospital Site, but due to the General Election we had to withdraw his invitation. However, progress is being made and later this year we believe NHS Property Services will be in a position to make a positive proposal.

In closing, the Chairman added his personal thanks to the Committee. He also paid tribute to David Bishop whom many know. Sadly, David has had a very bad stroke. Our thoughts are with his family. Herbert Levinger, a long-time member of the committee will not be seeking re-election this year and we would like to thank him for all his work over the years.

#### **6) Inspector Paul Trice, Hillingdon Borough Metropolitan Police**

The Inspector gave an update on current issues. Information on live criminal activities cannot always be shared with the public, but the police try to provide information on areas where caution is needed if possible.

A borough wide PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) is now in place, allowing more powers to move on groups engaged in ASB. Residents were urged to always call the police if any suspicious activity was seen, reporting on 101 after the event is too late.

The speed calming petition for Chamberlain Way/Catlins Lane was discussed. Residents were asked to report any excessively speeding cars in the interim.

#### **7) Hon. Treasurer's Report**

FM presented the accounts which were proposed and accepted by the meeting. A surplus of £1,229 over expenditure to income for the year was reported. The meeting agreed to donate £1,000 to the New 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood Scout Centre Appeal and agreed that the money still remaining from from Robert Symes' legacy should be donated in the following way:

£1,000 to the New Scout Centre Appeal

£1,000 for bird boxes in Ruislip Woods

£1,000 to improve the entrance to Northwood Rec from Highland Road.

The meeting also agreed to set aside £1,000 to the New Scout Centre for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Northwood Scouts when that appeal is launched in the future.

FM was thanked for all her work in managing the accounts throughout the year.

#### **8) Election of Officers**

The officers were nominated, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

#### **9) Presentation: 1st Northwood Scouts Fund-Raising Appeal**

Leo Mindel showed a brief video on this appeal and was pleased to announce that since its launch in March, £20,000 had been raised.

#### **10) Talk: "The Rise and Fall of Green Shield Stamps" - Ted Adams**

An interesting presentation was given. Ted was thanked for sharing this with the meeting.

#### **11) Parking Stress Survey Update**

Councillor Jonathan Bianco explained that the survey had identified roads 'under stress' and residents in these roads would shortly be consulted with a view to the implementation of some parking restrictions

#### **12) Question Time**

- Councillor Duncan Flynn explained that Councillor Burrows had visited Northwood Hills to assess the traffic issues on Joel Street. An independent company will undertake a traffic review and make recommendations.
- Councillor Bianco explained that all streetlights were to be changed over to LED.
- Councillor John Morgan was congratulated on being appointed Deputy Mayor.

#### **13) President's Closing Remarks**

The President thanked all present for attending. Meeting closed at 9.30.