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Northwood Hills Residents' Association

Minutes of the 77th Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 20th May 2015, at 7:30pm at Heathrow UTC

PRESENT

A total of 90+ residents and visitors attended the meeting and were warmly welcomed by Andrew Riley, the Chairman (ARly).

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Nick Hurd, Shanti Panchani and Andrew Retter.

2) Presidents Opening Address

Professor Tony Lane, President, thanked the committee for all their hard work, especially the Chairman. The plans for the new build of Northwood School were displayed, for all to

3) Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 25th June 2014

Approved

4) Matters Rising

None

5) Chairman's Report

ARly welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief summary of the work of the last 12 months. Boris Johnson, Ed Miliband, Lord Baker, Group Captain Andy Bacon (Base Commander RAF Northolt) and Air Vice Marshall Atha all had made official visits to Northwood Hills so the area is very much the place to come!

The last 12 months had been a very busy time for your Residents' Association with "The Big Lunch", the second Independents Day in Joel Street and the Grand Christmas Lights Switch On Event.

We published the bi-annual newsletter "The Hills Echo", held our annual supper and members of the Committee attended numerous external meetings ranging from topics such as, Health, Police, other Residents' Associations, Ruislip Woods and much, much more.

We looked at many planning applications and made objections where warranted. A good example of this was the letters of objection regarding Haydon School's application for a 3G rugby pitch with floodlights.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee, the numerous other people (too many to mention) who have helped us over the last 12 months.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to talk about the regeneration of Northwood Hills. Nobody is saying that what has been created is perfect but Northwood Hills does now look very clean smart and open for business.

Two key problems that were there before the regeneration commenced are parking and traffic congestion.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your continued support.

6) Proposed change to the Constitution:

TD kindly introduced the Constitution amendment:

Item 10: "Road Stewards, Honorary life Members (who are not members of the Executive Committee) Local Councillors, Local Police Officers and Local Community Police Officers, may attend and participate in Committee meetings but will not be entitled to vote."

Replace this by:

"Current members or any party with an interest in Northwood Hills may attend Committee meetings and may, by invitation of the nominated Chairman of the meeting, participate; however only Committee Members will be entitled to vote."

The amendment was agreed by the meeting.

7) Hon. Treasurer's Report

FM presented the accounts which were then proposed and accepted by the meeting. FM was thanked for all her work in managing the accounts throughout the year.

8) Election of Officers

The officers and committee members were elected.

9) <u>Presentation - Air Vice-Marshall Stuart Atha</u>

Air Vice-Marshall Stuart Atha gave a fascinating insight into the work at Northwood Base.

Inspector Rob Bryan, Hillingdon Borough Metropolitan Police

Inspector Bryan gave some interesting figures on the crime rates within the Borough.

10) Question Time

Prior to question time, Councillor Jonathan Bianco explained about the parking consultation which is currently ongoing. Questions received from the floor were answered by the speakers and ward councillors Jonathan Bianco, Duncan Flynn & John Morgan.

11) Future Priorities for the Association

The Chairman and Minutes Secretary made a plea for more residents to come forward to help run the Residents Association, as the number of active members is very low. Without more assistance, future activity will be limited.

Forthcoming Events - listed

12) <u>President's Closing Remarks</u>

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