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Northwood Hills Residents' Association

Minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25th May 2016, 7:30pm

At Harlyn School

PRESENT

A total of 60+ residents and visitors attended the meeting and were warmly welcomed by Tony Lane, the President. The Neighbourhood Watch group were thanked for attending the meeting.

1) Award Winning Presentation - Cyber Crime

Doug Dewey from the Metropolitan Police introduced the Police Cadets who gave an excellent and very informative talk on Cyber Crime Prevention.

2) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Joan and Terry Butfield, Anila Hashim and Jonathan Bianco

3) President's Opening Address

Professor Tony Lane, President, thanked the committee and the Road Stewards for all their hard work, especially the Chairman.

4) Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 20th May 2015: Approved.

5) Matters Arising: None.

6) Chairman's Report

The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to all present. May and October 2015 saw the Clean-up days, in the new NHRA branded Yellow tabards. September and March saw the production of our bi annual newsletter The Hills Echo.

Our Road Stewards are very important to the Association - they act as our ears and eyes. We are now able to accept membership subscriptions by electronic banking.

The November Grand Christmas Lights Switch On event, due to bad weather was moved at short notice to Fairfield Church.

In January we were approached by Inspector Rob Bryan to take part in one of a number of experiments across Hillingdon to see if we could help make better use of Police time by co-opting the Ward Panel Meetings into our Committee Meetings.

In February we held our Annual Thank You supper at Fairfield attended by over 85 people. Planning is ongoing throughout the year. Across Hillingdon the Council dealt with 25% more Planning Applications than in 2014 and a similar increase was seen in Northwood Hills Ward. We had some notable Planning wins this year. We successfully opposed an underground basement development in Tolcarne Drive, we successfully opposed an application to add a floor to the building above the shops between Cartridge World and Nails and Co and also successfully opposed a residential development behind the Car Audio/CarpetStyle shops.

Many of your Committee are also members of other Committees for instance, The Police Ward Panel, The Metropolitan Line User group, Community Voice, Ruislip Lido and Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Groups and many more. And there are others who donate their time freely to support the Eastcote House Gardens and The Long Meadow volunteers. I for one believe the difference those volunteers have made over a number years deserves a lot of merit.

Unfortunately, Nick Hurd is not able to attend tonight to give an update on the efforts we are making on the Northwood & Pinner Hospital Site. This was purchased by local subscription and all the costs including staff and upkeep were paid for by the Community right up to 1948 when it was merged into the new National Health Service.

We have been working on the Picnic in the Park with members of Northwood Residents Association, under the chairmanship of Leo Mindel since last September.

Thank you for listening. It has been great working with the Committee over the last 12 months. Thank you to the team.

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 Chairman was saddened to report the very recent deaths of our 2 Vice Presidents, Erika Kimber and Lishman Easby.

The officers and committee members were nominated and seconded by various residents present.

9) The Association's Logo

Maxine Goswell introduced the new logo, as agreed by the Committee and explained that it represents the 3 hills of Northwood Hills - Haste Hill, Pinner Hill and the Hogs Back.

10)Inspector Rob Bryan - Hillingdon Borough Metropolitan Police

Inspector Bryan gave an update on activity within the 9 wards he covers in the North of the Borough. Burglary will always be with us, but residents are encouraged to consider crime prevention seriously, start Neighbourhood Watches and use Smart Water if it is offered.

11)Question Time

Prior to question time, Councillor Duncan Flynn explained about the parking stress test which had recently been carried out as a result of the Controlled Parking Zone Petition and Counter petition

Questions received from the floor were answered by Inspector Rob Bryan and ward councillors Duncan Flynn & John Morgan. Some of these included:

- Double yellow line requested at corner of Briarwood and Pinner Road
- A keep clear advisory box at the roundabout at the top of Joel St

12)President's Closing Remarks

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

Forthcoming Events - Listed
