

**NORTHAW & CUFFLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Meeting held**  
**6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Present:**

Michael Green – Chair  
Diane Draper – Treasurer  
Susan Ashby – Membership Secretary  
David Ashby  
Debi O’Sullivan  
Pamela Rutherford  
Mike Clark  
Claire Sales (Secretary for meeting)

Apologies: Anna Sharkey  
Tony Chappell

Visitors Present: Mark & Macarena Ballabon (Northaw Residents)

MG covered health & safety within the building.

No conflicts of interest.

Issues raised by residents: Mr & Mrs Ballabon attended the meeting to seek advice from the committee as to how best to circulate further information relating to local pollution to help residents with Promoted Sites objections. Given that Planning was the most significant item on the agenda, MG proposed that the committee go through the other agenda items quickly to ensure that enough time was left to hear Mr Ballabon’s representations and discuss Planning in full.

**Amendments to Minutes & Matters Arising:**

MG reminded the committee members that skills and interests were due at the end of May. Some but not all received. Given current priorities, MG proposed that this be completed after 18<sup>th</sup> June Promoted Sites deadline for objections and Village Day.

It was agreed that the wider consultation with residents regarding the Tolmers Gardens scheme be put on the backburner for now, but PR’s letter is available for the future should we wish to resurrect.

Regarding SCANGB support, MG confirmed that NCRAGB had responded to requests so far, including payment for the banners for the village meeting.

Action point outstanding regarding Sally Pollitt’s involvement with PPG going forward. **DD**

MG has written to both the CEO for Tesco and the car parking company in relation to resident concerns over penalty charges levied inappropriately. Tesco were disinterested commenting that the car park was nothing to do with them and offering unlikely suggestions

as to how the issue could arise with the cameras. The parking company has not responded. MG will follow up. **MG**

A resident has flagged up a potential travellers site in Northaw. None of the committee members had noticed any increased activity in this area, there were some caravans at a different site, but these were not part of a community and not thought to be an issue.

A resident has complained of an increase in house flies in her house which was thought to derive from the local composting plant. Environmental Health were very interested, and SA agreed to circulate a message to members asking other residents to contact Environmental Health if they experience the same. **SA**

State of road in Tolmers Gardens has been raised by a local resident. No action deemed necessary at present.

Car boot sales are continuing to be counted but planning has now been sought for permanent permission. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) have advised that permission is likely to be granted which would obviate the need to continue counting.

**NCRA Admin:**

MC to be granted access to the webpage. He will advise DOS of any changes/uploads made.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in accounts is healthy and subs are still coming in. As at 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019, £665 had been received from standing orders and direct debits. Current membership is around 400 compared to 500 in 2018 but no reminders have been sent yet.

**IT/ Website:**

DOS confirmed that everything required had been done. Waiting to add an extra page for SCANGB. Payment for maintenance contract due soon; possibly this month.

**Planning:**

At the recent Parish Council meeting attended by DD, no comments were made on local planning applications except for an objection to 27 Tolmers Road who are seeking to erect gates. DD objected again on behalf of the NCRA on the basis that all houses in that part of the road are open plan.

**Village Day:**

To be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June between 12pm and 5pm. The NCRA and SCANGB will have a stall together. The committee were asked to make some time available to man the stall. MC confirmed he will be around all day. MG will be around part of the day. CS has volunteered for parking duty. SA is available in the morning. DD is helping with the classic cars. **All**

## **Precis Reports:**

Neighbourhood Watch: None. Given NW has now disbanded, this item can be removed or replaced by OWL Messaging.

Police/PCSO: None. DOS commented that she had been impressed with PCSO's recent assistance with parking enforcement in Northaw which has resulted in an improvement.

Parish Council: None

Kidston Institute: No news. Some internal and external refurbishment ongoing but all running smoothly.

Cuffley Hall Report: None

Footpaths: It was noted that Fred Allgood had been expected to attend the meeting. However, SA thought that Fred wanted to ask the committee to promote his Footpath walks, and SA confirmed that a message to residents has been sent.

PPG: Recent AGM held. Denise Read has been appointed Chair. No Minutes circulated from last meeting yet.

## **Promoted Sites:**

PR has submitted 2 draft objections covering all of the Promoted Sites. The committee recognised the enormous amount of time and effort expended by PR and thanked her for all her hard work.

MG spoke to WHBC and NCRA has been designated a "consultee". He had been advised that sending our comments by email is acceptable provided the comments for each site start on a new page. It is not necessary to use the printed forms. There were some doubts expressed but further evidence that email covering individual sheets of plain paper for each site came to light after the meeting. As PR had already drafted the objections per site, starting each site on a new page it was decided to use email and plain paper.

MC was asked to produce a simplified list of sites using common descriptions to guide residents, as the acronyms and maps were potentially confusing. **MC**

PR explained the rationale taken in her draft and requested that the committee share localised knowledge of each site so that these comments can be incorporated. Comments relating to areas of flooding, historical sites or wildlife habitats would be helpful. **All**

In accordance with the advice from Troy Consultants, objections to all sites would be made.

The committee considered the question of how best to convey the message to residents. It was agreed that PR's draft response would be circulated to residents by way of example, to help residents with generic comments which they could then personalise and supplement with additional local knowledge. Given the impending deadline, PR asked for all comments

on the draft to be provided to her by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June so that she could incorporate and finalise a third draft on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June which could then be circulated to residents. **PR**

PR will finalise on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and MG will send by email to WHBC Planning requesting acknowledgement of receipt. **PR and MG**

Mark Ballabon revisited some of his comments from the public meeting regarding the effects of pollution and a general discussion regarding the lack of infrastructure/traffic survey results ensued. It was agreed that Mark's paper should be circulated. **MC to action**

Residents have been telling Mark Ballabon that they are struggling technically. He thought it would be useful to hold a networking meeting(s) where residents could come with their computers or tablets to get support with their objections prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> June. The committee agreed. Mark would find out if Cuffley Hall is available on the evening of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Northaw Village Hall during the day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. **Mark Ballabon to action**

**AOB:**

None

Meeting closed at 10 pm.

Next meeting 18 July 2019 7.30 pm.