

**Northaw and Cuffley Residents' Association**  
**Minutes of meeting held by Zoom**  
**4 February 2021**

**Present**

Michael Green Chair  
Mike Clark IT/Web  
Diane Draper Treasurer  
Linda Stubbs Secretary  
Stan Buckley

**1.Apologies**

There were none

**2.Visitors**

There were no visitors.

**3.Conflicts of interest**

None declared.

**4.Minutes of Meeting held on 7 January 2021**

Minutes approved

**5.Matters Arising**

None

**6.IT & Website**

MC will be making some minor editing updates.

MG had issues with his NCRA emails and had spoken to LCN who had resolved the issue.  
DD to contact LCN regarding receipt issue.

**7.Admin**

MG enquired of MC & LS if there had been any progress on the advertisement for new committee members to go into Update or on the website. MC said that due to personal circumstances he had not currently been able to deal with this. MG said he understood there was very little space left for anything to go into Update.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

It was unanimously agreed that NCRA should rejoin London Green Belt Council at the sum of £25 per annum.

Subs are continuing to come in both through the bank and cash.

There was a discussion about on line banking for NCRA now that details were in place.

**9.Planning**

MG had spent a considerable amount of time drafting objection responses on behalf of NCRA in respect of the forthcoming Inspector's Hearings with regard to the local plan.

The Welwyn & Hatfield Council planning application list had been distributed to the committee. It was noted Wood Green Timber Yard Coopers Lane had an application submitted which was for erection of new storage shed moved to a new location after demolition of current shed. It was noted the PC would comment that it should be a like for like construction in the new location.

## **10. Precis reports**

10.1 **Police/Owl** – None

10.2 **Parish Council** – MC said the steering group in respect of the neighbourhood plan had been divided into sub-groups who will hold meetings to deal with all the various aspects such as -

- Biodiversity/Green Issues,
- Station Road Environmental Improvements,
- School Parking,
- Playing Fields,
- Large Schemes,
- Halls (Now incorporating the Youth Centre/Library),
- PC were looking into having the large puddle that forms outside Cuffley Hall dealt

with.

10.3 **Kidston Institute** – It was reported that thieves had stolen the lead from the roof. The hall was closed due to Covid for recreational purposes but pre-school was still operating.

10.4 **Cuffley Hall** - Currently closed due to Covid 19.

10.5 **PPG update on Village Surgery** – The practice manager had retired and a new one, Claire Hourihan, had taken over. It was noted that Dr Taylor will **not** be working in either surgery on a Thursday. The next PPG meeting is by Zoom on 10 February and the AGM to be held again by zoom on 7 April 2021.

The vaccine programme was going well and currently being held at Halsey Hall in Cheshunt which seemed well organized. It was reported that a resident had gone to the Stevenage vaccine hub and had to queue for 1 hour in the cold.

MC said there was an email scam purported to be from the NHS regarding the vaccine which seemed extremely convincing except for the fact they were asking for mother's maiden name. Genuine NHS or GP would not send this type of email, the contact would be by telephone/text or letter.

## **11.Co-opting of Committee Members**

This was on going and slow progress was being made, it was hopeful that some residents would come forward to fill the available places.

MG had attended by Zoom a meeting of the Northaw Action Group when Steven Boulton and representatives of Borough and County Council officials were present. MG felt the NAG were very active and professional in the way they keep bringing issues to the attention of Borough and County officials and have succeeded in arranging two meetings with appropriate representatives present. However, after the first such meeting there had been very little, if any, action taken.

It was hoped that some of the NAG might be able to join NCRA committee.

## **13. A.O.B**

It was reported by SB that he had made an inspection of Homewood and spoke of the poor state of the boardwalks and that it would appear some residents that back on to these woods

have been dumping rubbish, particularly building rubbish and tree cuttings which will now be reported to the PC.

The blocking of the culvert had been reported as it was a dangerous situation with deep water. MG said he thought it had been cleared by the date of this meeting. SB said this was not the case.

DD said she was hopeful that Peters Wood Walks would be reinstated when it was safe to do so.

LS has been contacted by NCRA previous Secretary to say the station notice boards needed attention. LS said she had not put anything in them. The Railway had written to the previous Secretary even though they had been informed she was not now dealing with the notice boards to say the notice board adjacent to the bike stand was to be moved to the bottom of the stairs. They are intending to introduce Amazon lockers for parcels to be left on a click & collect basis. A discussion was held by the committee as to what needed to go into notice boards.

**14.** The meeting closed at 20.45.