

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd October 2008**

1.0 Opening Remarks and Welcome

Mrs Jean Ingram opened the meeting by welcoming the guests and members present.

2.0 In Attendance

40 Members were in attendance plus Councillors J Kelly, A Kaufmann, S Harper O'Neill.

3.0 Apologies for Absence

Were received from Mrs I Ellis, Mr P Masterson, Mrs A Ticehurst, Mrs E Haynes, Mr H Havins-Caddick, Cllrs. Michael White and Kay Willmott-Denbeigh, and Mrs Jenny Hunt.

4.0 Last Minutes

The RAF charity concert is to be held in 2009 and not 2008 as stated in the minutes, With this correction the Minutes of the last meeting held 23rd July 2008 on the were agreed and signed. Proposed by P Timbrell and seconded by Mrs H Hook.

5.0 Treasurer's report.

Status of accounts, Current account is £126.79 and the Reserve Account is £11,474.69.

6.0 Hillingdon Hospital

David Seaman' presented the case for the new Hillingdon Hospital to be build on the site of RAF Uxbridge. Following a description of the proposal including the reasons why it is better than the current site, a vote was taken. The decision of the SRRRA was 100% in favour of the proposal and it was agreed to write to LBH and other local representatives supporting the case.

7.0 Police representatives report

For the police reports for this quarter, please see the newsletter.

8.0 Chief Road Steward's Report.

The Newsletters arrived from the Printers on Monday 29th September, thank you as always to our Editor Margaret Wallis. The packing up and delivering Newsletters to the 54 Road Stewards, was shared by Mr Henry Havins-Caddick and Mrs Jones and was completed that week.

Just a reminder that all the Road Stewards are volunteers, and the Association relies on them to collect the subscriptions which is the only income, and members rely on them to deliver the Newsletters. Where there are no Road Stewards members still receive their Newsletters, subscriptions are collected by Mr Henry Havins-Caddick and Mrs Jones, and Newsletters are delivered by Volunteers.

Please look at the CRS report in the current newsletter, listing where Road Stewards are needed. If you can help please contact Mrs Jones, Mr Henry Havins – Caddick or any member of the committee.

Update of RS needed (trying to keep Road Steward patches small, many roads are shared between Road Stewards).

Bridgwater Road 65 – 109a (14)
Dudley Drive (5)

Cavendish Avenue (16)
Royal Crescent 2 – 128 (20)

West End Road 205 – 223 (4)

Ruislip Gardens

Bedford Road (6) Clyfford Road (3) Lea Crescent (3)

9.0 Secretary report

E-mails on the following have been received.

Litter at lunch times near Queensmead School. On the local news today there was an item about a proposal to ban fast food within 400m school in Waltham Forest

A request for trees in West Mead.

Problems with “travellers” in Royal Crescent.

Disruption at South Ruislip Bridge, following a collision with the bridge.

10.0 Planning

West Waste site for an incinerator. Emissions from incinerators in the UK do not monitor all pollutants which are measured elsewhere. A sub committee was suggested to examine the reasons for and against and Cllr A Kauffmann offered the help of an expert at the council. The membership's view is against it, although more information is needed to make an informed decision. Member Carol Baker willing to help. Cllr A Kauffmann agreed to put the council expert in touch with the SRRA.

Sainsbury's proposed extension.

The council has agreed to compulsory purchase the building currently occupied by Bonnells Electrical Co. and sell it with the public car park to Sainsburys. As an inducement to overcome the criticism of selling off our car park, and a justification for the compulsory purchase of the Bonnells building, a library, a community centre and a youth centre would be part of the extension to the Sainsburys store.

The SRRA wrote in January 2007 to Cllr Puddifoot regarding the possible sale of the car park. The response was read out – there are no plans to sell off car park. The residents of South Ruislip have not been consulted by the council since then about a possible sale.

Cllr J Kelly opposed the plans, but it was reported that Cllr Puddifoot has said that the cabinet agrees proposals are an overall benefit.

The members of the SRRA raised the point that we do already have a library (which could be updated) and that buildings exist in South Ruislip that are ideal for a youth and a community centre. Thus there is no need to sell off our car park in order to get these services provided. It is after all the responsibility of the council to provide these services and not Sainburys.

The loss of the car park would be detrimental to the local shops and thus to the residents of South Ruislip. Concern was expressed that the council was acting in favour of one commercial company against the interests of others.

In order to overcome the concern of impact on trade of local shops Cllr J Kelly suggested a Station Approach entrance to an underground car park, although this was not considered a practical proposition. Cllr A Kauffmann suggested a meeting with Cllr Puddifoot, but there seemed little point in this as the council had already made its decision. Cllr A Kauffmann has agreed to put SRRA views forward.

Mr B Cole reported that Bonnells were unaware of the decision to compulsory purchase their building. Bonnells have asked us to oppose the plans of the council.

A bigger store would mean more customers, more pollution and more cars. There has been no action from 2 years ago to combat congestion. Members stated that commuter parking is spreading up Victoria Road.

The members of the SRRA demanded a public inquiry on the process and how decision was made. Mr Gordon Thomson proposed a motion and Mr Sid Jackson seconded the proposal. The members voted in favour of the resolution.

A photo call for The Gazette was agreed for Monday at 11:00 in the car park.

The members of the SRRA want public use building on Arla site. Not on our car park.

SRRA was requested to take legal / planning advise on the matter. It was agreed that the SRRA would write a letter to our councillors advising them what the SRRA members want. We have not been consulted, but they think they know what is good for us.

Other Planning Items

Permission has been granted for two blocks of dwellings on the site of the old Scout hut (Manor Gardens). The residents of Primrose gardens are objecting as they will be overlooked.

Princes Way –damage to pavement has been repaired but more damage has been done.

Smyths Toy store is to replace “Do it all”.

Town Green – if used for more than 20 years and if enough residents write a green space can then be petitioned and designated as a town green. This can be helpful for getting rid of travellers. Applications must be in before 2010. It was requested how many signatures are needed.

11.0 Community voice.

Hillingdon Hospital Trust are not in favour of a move. Due to the current business climate there may be no money, not all at Community Voice are in favour of move either.

See newsletter reference the Macmillan centre. Linda Clarke describe use and funding of the facility.

Ambulance station in Pembroke Road. We are still awaiting response.

Forms for public consultation on Mt Vernon centre were available at meeting.

12.0 RAF Northolt

Doug Lewington said that flight paths have changed despite assertion otherwise. SRRA to write to RAF Northolt.

There has been more congestion due to the changes at RAF Northolt. Mr Sid Jackson (transport representative) to pursue this.

13.0 Any Other Business

The third runway at Heathrow announcement due in December. The press have reported that the Government opposition would cancel the project if given the chance.

Controlled parking zones in The Croft. SRRA not consulted. A decision was passed in May by the council. Some objections have meant that the consultation has had to be extended.