

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
AGM & QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2007**

1.0 Opening Remarks & Welcome

Mrs Jean Ingram opened the meeting

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Were received from Geoff Quantock and Road Steward Dennis Bland.

3.0 In Attendance

65 members plus the executive committee.

Cllrs Shirley Harper-O'Neill, Michael White, Allan Kaufman & Judy Kelly
Policeman Sgt Mike Patterson, PC's Ian Ellis & Ian Scot and CSO's Collin Blisset and
Anna Heggerty from South Ruislip Safer Neighborhood Team

4.0 Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

5.0 Police Matters

Sgt Patterson commented that the South Ruislip area was divided into two parts with half of his team assigned to each of these areas.

South Ruislip has the second lowest incidence of burglary in the Hillingdon area. Whilst not complacent the team reported that there had been 3 burglaries in the last two months. Windows were the most common entry point.

5.1 Vehicle Crime

However South Ruislip was targeted more with vehicle crime. Sgt Patterson attributed this to good access to escape routes from the area and the areas prevalence of retail parks.

Commonly stolen at the moment were number plates. These have a few uses to criminals; stealing petrol from forecourts, evading speed camera fines and the congestion charge.

The police are able to provide clutch screws to secure number plates. These screws can be tightened but not untightened. These were made available by the police at the meeting and they are happy to provide more to residents, subject to availability, free of charge.

Sadly many Nissan and Peugeot cars have no screws, making them easy and frequent targets for the theft of plates. Sgt Patterson recommended the use of super glue to strongly affix the plates and make them harder targets.

5.2 Goals

Goals Soccer centre have given the Safer Neighbourhoods team one hours free pitch on a Friday night. The police have invited youngsters to attend and this has been good for the children and good for the police to build relations with them.

5.3 999 Responses

Sgt Patterson commented that because the patrol base for the borough is south of the A40 this means that there is less coverage in the north and our area. More serious incidences take place in the south so this is where most time and resource is spent.

However Sgt Patterson did encourage residents to use the 999 service when they thought it appropriate. Even when the incident does not warrant an immediate response from the police, due to other priorities, details will be passed to the local safer neighbourhood team and it will be followed up on.

5.4 Open Questions from the Floor to the S.N.T

5.4.1 Field End Road

In light of the latest collision and another fatality work continues on designing out the dangers on the road – such as stopping removing stopping buses from the traffic stream. In the meantime the Northwest Traffic unit police have regularly targeted the road. In January and February 210 drivers were caught speeding with other offences also recorded.

5.4.2 Council Dump Trucks and Greggs

Residents noted the disruption caused by council rubbish trucks outside Greggs bakery. Details have been passed to Hillingdon Council. In turn they intend raising this matter with Harrow Council. Cllr Kaufman stated that it was Harrow trucks causing the problem.

5.4.3 Cyclists

Residents raised the issue of cyclists on the pavements with the police. They said that this was a matter currently targeted by the Met. They would hand out tickets to offenders where caught.

5.4.4 HGVs and Sidmouth Drive

HGV's are still using Sidmouth Drive and not obeying the 20 mph speed limit. The police have said that they have patrolled the area and will continue to do so with speed guns.

5.4.5 Bikes on the Marshes

Motorbikers continue to cut chains and gain access to the park land next to Glebe Avenue. The police felt that whilst the council, Cllrs, residents and police had acted further support was needed from residents in the Ickenham end to stop access from there as well. The SRRA and Sgt Patterson agreed to discuss with Ickenham counterparts a mutual solution to the helping to minimise the problem.

5.4.6 Bridgewater Road

Don Ticehurst stated that the council had carried out traffic surveys in this road which showed heavy usage in the early evenings. He was most especially concerned by use of the HGV's and wanted to make the bridge not passable by HGV's.

For this to happen there would need to be a suitable turning point for the vehicles. He suggested that the land which the council had recently adopted be used for this purpose. However the understanding from the Cllrs was that whilst the council had adopted the land they would not legally own in for several years. Therefore they were unable to drastically change its use for years.

Sgt Patterson said that whilst they supported Don Ticehurst, it was not a police matter.

5.4.7 Support

David Seaman said that he had been publicly critical of Sgt Patterson's lack of reply on earlier issues, but he had greatly appreciated his efforts dealing with Field End road and high speed vehicles.

6.0 Road Stewards Report

At Christmas all the RS got their Newsletters delivered earlier than expected. This quarter many RS did not get their Newsletters until 10th April, as Francis was delayed. Newsletters arrived from the Printer on 2 April .

Each Quarter Newsletters are e mailed or posted to our MP, Councillors, Safer Neighborhood Teams and the neighboring Resident's Associations

Francis thanked all Road Stewards and volunteers who deliver the Newsletters. She welcomed our new RS and thanked Wingfield Way RS Jackie, who has moved house out of our area and so cannot continue.

RS are needed for the following – responsibilities can be split a friend and/or take even 20 members it would be a great help:

- Long Drive 177 – 323 (35 members)plus one member in Monk's Close. That is one side from Field End Road to Deane Park Hall.
- Long Drive 53 – 175 (59 members) That is one side from Queens Walk to Victoria Road.

- West End Road 308 – 372 (20 members) Wingfield Way to the Plumb Center)
- Wingfield Way (66 members)

7.0 Treasurers Report

Treasurer Colin Hook presented the 2006 annual accounts to the meeting. In summary Income was £2,392.90, Expenses £1,967.17. The total balance stood at £10,941.98 at year-end.

The current account balances are Current A/C £640.45 (with £345.43 in cheques issued but not cashed) and a reserve balance of £10,511.60.

Colin commented that this was a healthy balance but would soon disappear if the SRRA incurred legal costs in an activity/campaign.

Colin warmly thanked John Davy for kindly auditing the accounts.

8.0 Secretary's Report

8.1 Transport

David Seaman has decided to stand down as transport representative for the SRRA. Tribute was paid to his hard work and efforts to make our roads safer.

If anyone is interested in Traffic and Transport in the area, the SRRA now needs a replacement in this role.

8.2 Recycling

As written in the newsletter, shredded paper is not acceptable in the recycled materials. We have asked if shredded paper can be included as garden waste, but according to LBH Waste division this is not permitted, as this would encourage other forms of paper to be put into compost bags.

8.3 New CPZ

Mr Cooper of Cavendish Avenue wrote asking for an extension of the residents parking zone to his road. Cllrs advised that 6 months after the last consultation another will take place to review residents opinions on this issue. Residents will then be able to put their views forward to the council, although they can write at anytime on this issue, but correspondence is likely to be saved for consideration at the next review.

8.4 Woolers Site

Road Steward Richard Partridge raised the issue of dust and noise disturbance to members local to the site in Masson Av. The council is monitoring the activity at the site. Cllr Allan Kaufman will provide a definitive answer on whether the activities are illegal or not at the actions on the council.

Cllr Judy Kelly will follow up in the removal of felled tree at the site. Residents are keen to see that the site owners pay for any illegal felling and for the subsequent removal of the tree by the council.

9.0 Community Voice

Don Ticehurst reported that there is a consultation ongoing on the cottage hospital in Northwood Hills. The SRRAs have responded, however the Hospital as closed on 31/12/06.

Don urged the meeting to sign the petition to support Mount Vernon hospital.

10.0 Planning Issues

10.1 Shell Garage

No further development on this site at the moment.

10.2 The Croft

There are plans to remove two properties and build four single bed dwellings. Cllr Judy Kelly is organizing a petition against the development.

10.3 Northolt Avenue

Further development proposals ongoing with a developer buying property and increasing the dwelling density

10.4 Field End Road

Ongoing, plans for development have gone to Bristol for appeal.

10.5 Express Dairy Site

Designated on the LDF (Local Development Framework) as residential the likelihood is that up to 400+ dwellings will be built on the 13 acre site.

10.6 Hillingdon Weak on Planning Enforcement

With properties in Northolt Avenue and The Fair Way in contradiction of planning regulations and unchallenged by the council the argument was made that Hillingdon was weak on planning control. Cllr Michael White defended the council and said that it was very hard to gather evidence in these cases. Don Ticehurst challenged him and the council to improve their record in this area.

11.0 Election of Officers.

The meeting duly returned the officers listed below in accordance with our constitution.

Already confirmed by the Executive Meeting

Chairperson	Jean Ingram
Vice Chairman	Jeremy Wasden
Secretary	Geoff Quantock
Treasurer	Colin Hook
Chief Road Steward	Francis Jones
Editor	Margaret Wallis

Committee

Community Voice	Linda Clark
Community Voice	Don Ticehurst
Planning	Barry Cole
Parks	Elaine Haynes
Police (S. Ruislip)	Henry Havins-Caddick
Police (Cavendish)	Bob Hedges
	David Seaman

12.0 The meeting closed at 10:00 pm.