

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
AGM and QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2005**

1.0 Opening Remarks

Mr Jean Ingram opened the meeting. Mr and Mrs Fraser were welcomed along with Sgt. N Anderson, members of the press and Cllr. S Harper O'Neil.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Were received from – Road Stewards R Dyer, C Howard, Mr Bland, Committee members Mr C Hook, Mr H Havins-Caddick and Mrs J Buchanan, Councillors Oliver Curley, Mary O'Connor, Iris Ellis.

3.0 In Attendance

Approximately 42 members plus the executive committee.

4.0 Minutes from the last meeting

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

5.0 Margaret Grant

Mr D Ticehurst read out an obituary for Margaret Grant who sadly died in December. She had served the community of South Ruislip, both as a member of the SRRA committee and as a councillor. A minutes silence was held in her memory. Our condolences go out to her family.

6.0 Bourne Lodge

Mr Mark Fraser of the Bourne Lodge Action Group gave an update of the campaign to keep Bourne Lodge open. Thanks were given to the SRRA, in particular Mr D Ticehurst and Chairperson Mrs Jean Ingram for their activities in support of the campaign.

7.0 Police Matters

Sgt N Anderson gave an update on the Safer Neighbourhood Scheme in South Ruislip. The effectiveness of the scheme has caused displacement of crime to other areas, this is to be addressed by having all wards covered in the next three years. Antisocial Behaviour orders have been made against to graffiti 'taggers'. Both of which have been arrested for breaking the orders and for other offences.

Compared with other areas such as Newham, LBH needs to do more to remove graffiti quickly, which has been shown to be a deterrent. If anyone sees graffiti that needs to be tackled, they should phone 01895 556000.

A premises in The Runway is to be acquired for use as a local base. It will not be manned as a police station, but residents will be able to meet the police there by arrangement.

A specific area of the passage way between The Croft and Victoria Road was raised as needing attention. The fence needs repairing (Shirley Harper O'Neil agreed to help) and the area needs a clean up and graffiti removed.

The issue of 'mini motorbikes' was also raised.

7.1 Licensing

The new system of licensing was discussed. Concern was raised that longer drinking hours would lead to an increase in crime and disturbance. It was suggested that the council adopt the same policy as Wandsworth, where 24 hour opening hours is not to be accepted. A resolution to this effect was proposed by Doug Lewington and seconded by Richard Partridge. This was agreed unanimously. A letter to LBH is to be written requesting that this policy be adopted.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Chief Road Steward's Report

The newsletters arrived late from the printers due to the holidays. The committee are looking at what can be done next year to overcome the problem. Thanks to Arthur Lewis and Jean Phillips who helped in delivering the newsletters.

A leaflet encouraging people to join has been produced by Jeremy Wasden, a copy of which has been sent to all road stewards.

Road Stewards are still needed for Torcross Road, Appledore Avenue, Diamond Road, Primrose Gardens, Princes Way, Brackenbridge Drive, Bec Close, Bourne Avenue, Manor Gardens, Paddock Road, part of Victoria Road, Down Barns Road, West End Road (part of) and Rufus Close.

A special thanks to Road Stewards Lee Abrahams and Len Pepper who have retired.

8.2 Secretary's Report

RAF Northolt are planning a concert on the 5th March at Bishop Ramsey's School, with the proceeds going to the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre at Mt. Vernon. Contact details were given. There has been no change to the limit of civil flights to and from RAF Northolt, and the limit of 7000 movements is being strictly adhered to.

We are waiting to hear from LBH regarding the number of boot fares in Field End Road. A meeting has been held between the estates department and Mr A Kaufmann.

Thanks to Les Hunt the holes in the fence of Field End Recreation Ground have now been repaired. Les also displayed maps from the council showing all the green spaces in the borough.

Minutes of the quarterly meeting have been put on the website for those not able to attend the meetings.

8.3 Transport Report

8.3.1 VW garage. The problem of employee parking on Victoria Road was raised. It is intended to wait until the facilities are complete before making a request to the council to implement a solution to the parking on the bend in the road.

8.3.2 U1 / U5 bus. Mr R Kirby stated that according to the Liberal Democrats the TFL were going ahead with the proposed route, despite objections. There is no evidence that this is the case. Copies of the petition against the route through residential roads has been circulated to all interested parties. There was however general support for a bus route from South Ruislip to Hillingdon Hospital.

8.4 Treasurer's Report

The accounts at the end of September stand as follows

Current	£1119.87
Reserve	£5864.06
Deposit	£2642.15

The deposit account has been transferred from the Lombard to Nat West, as Lombard have not been very helpful.

8.5 Planning

A application for a pet superstore has gone to appeal following rejection by the planning committee. Members were encouraged to write in support of the local shops in The Fairway and Whitby Road. Closing date for any comments to the Inspectorate in support of the councils refusal and our objection must be in to the Inspectorate by 24th February, attendance at the Inquiry to present an objection can be requested.

8.5.1 Sidmouth Drive

Mr Brian Bedford was introduced to the members. He has provided analysis of the councils figures for the need for additional school places in Hillingdon.

The history of the issues surrounding the proposed new school were discussed. The figures issued by the council do not justify the building of a new school, but for some reason they are pressing ahead with the proposal, at great expense to the council tax payers and to the environment. A copy of the issues was distributed to members at the meeting and was given to the press.

If the school is to be built, then there would be 16% overcapacity. At this level, the council would be required to reduce this excess.

9.0 The meeting closed at 22:00 p.m. The next meeting (AGM) will be on the 27th April.