

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2006**

**1.0 Opening Remarks & Welcome**

Mrs Jean Ingram opened the meeting

**2.0 Apologies for Absence**

Were received from Geoff Quantock, Elaine Haynes & David Seaman.

**3.0 In Attendance**

45 members plus the executive committee.  
Cllrs Shirley O'Neill, Oliver Curley, Elaine Webb &, Michael White  
PC's Ellis, Thorne and Himsworth  
Nick Hurd MP.

**4.0 Minutes from the last meeting**

With the addition of Cllr Elaine Webb attending the last meeting the minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

**5.0 Chair's Report**

**Draft Municipal Waste Strategy**

There is to be a pilot scheme of wheelie bins in the Hillingdon area and a consultation. Members expressed concern at the prospect of three wheelie bins to manage waste, especially in terraced property.

**6.0 Transport Report**

**6.1 Tesco Express Field End**

Members asked in Newsletter whether they wanted restricted parking in service road opposite Tesco Express. Not one response to date.

**6.2 Victoria Road Pelican Crossing**

This site opposite Homebase is still a shambles, work started Feb 2005 and is incomplete. SRRA has written to Jean Palmer and the CEO of LBH.

### **6.3 Residents Parking Proposal**

According to London Borough of Hillingdon there is no proposal to introduce a blanket parking control scheme. LBH will respond according to the number of requests received. Cllr Oliver Curley added that previous consultations had contacted people in the area and received a poor level of response. He agreed that might change with the knock on impact of schemes set up in nearby roads - such as the scheme in Great Central Avenue.

### **7.0 Long Drive Development**

Valerie Blacker showed a number of photos illustrating the high level of traffic and difficult parking conditions in the area of Long Drive - before even, this large development is added to the area. There is an appeal, a form of public inquiry, by the developer at Uxbridge Civic centre 10.00 am 14th March 2006. Valerie appealed for more support and attendance from members.

### **8.0 Glebe Farm**

A public inquiry will be reconvened on 25th April 2006 into the appeal by the owner against the Enforcement Notices served by London Borough Hillingdon. The owner is claiming continuous use of the site for the last ten years for open storage and that the metal fencing has been there for over 4 years,

To assist the SRRA and the council to win the inquiry please come to the public meeting because local knowledge will be vital at the inquiry. The meeting will take place at the GAA Irish Club, West End Road, South Ruislip on Wednesday 1st February at 8.00 pm. Attending will be Sarah Bagshaw (LBH Appeals Officer), Councilors and members of SRRA.

### **9.0 Park Field Park Petition**

Jean Ingram highlighted Les Hunt's petition in favour of seating in this park. The council because of a lack of interest from residents had rejected this previously.

### **10.0 Treasurers Report**

To follow in the newsletter.

### **11.0 Police**

Josiane Buchanan thanked the police for attending.

Sgt Pete Low starts in South Ruislip on 13/02/06. All Safer Neighborhoods teams will be in place at the end of April.

Josiane stated that there is a dispersal order in effect along Whitby Road, Victoria Road, Field End and Oxford Drive until 20/04/06.

The SRRA advises the Community and Policing Consultative Committee (CPCG) on policing priorities for our area. This year we have stated them as follows (in no particular order);

- Anti-Social Behavior
- Burglary
- Drug Dealing and use of drugs
- Responding to Emergency Calls
- Vandalism
- Youth Crime

### **11.1 Dialing the Police on 999.**

Josiane reminded members that if they have an issue with either the length of time it took for the Police to respond or the way they were treated, they should report it to her or anyone in the Executive Committee they feel comfortable with. Stating that obtaining a CAD number is of the utmost importance.

The police are setting up a new call centre, which should mean it is easier to get assistance when dialing 999.

The police present confirmed that if there is a crime now, then dial 999. But the Safer Neighborhoods team is keen to pick up as much information as they can locally.

### **11.2 Fireworks**

The law is that it is illegal to set off fireworks between 23:00 and 07:00, with the exception of 5<sup>th</sup> November when the prohibition starts at 24:00, then Diwali, Chinese New Year and New Year at 01:00.

### **11.3 Safer Neighborhoods Team**

Officers Thorne, Himsworth and Ellis addressed the Meeting

The new office in the runway, in Station Approach is established. They welcomed contact with the public such as emails with intelligence on local criminal activities.

Tel 020 8721 2011 or 07843291093. Email  
SouthRuislip.SNT@met.police.uk

#### **11.4 No Drinking Zone**

All of Hillingdon is a no drinking zone. Alcohol can be seized when being consumed on the streets. They are also making test purchases from local off licenses. They also check on premises that sell food late at night.

There is a dispersal order in place in the area of New Pond Parade, Bridgewater Road, Victoria Road and Torrington Road.

ASBO's seem to have been effective in diminishing the crimes of youth offenders.

The officers updated that they had some success with vehicle crime in the area of Homebase, where vans have been stolen from and minor damage caused.

The Safer Neighborhoods Team have been forging links with the parks patrol and the British Transport Police.

With the Parks Patrol the Police will tackle the motorcycle and mini-moto crime in Ruislip Parks. This is proving an stubborn problem, which the police are ill-equipped to deal with.

Motorbikes are accessing parks via broken fencing in Stafford Road. Mary Worrell confirmed that the contract for the fencing was being retendered.

#### **12.0 Chief Road Stewards Report.**

Francis Jones reported that sadly, Stan Hauptman long time member and Road Steward recently died. A condolence card has been sent to his family on behalf of the Association.

Newsletters arrived from the Printer on 15<sup>th</sup> December and were delivered to RS. This was early because the Printer closed over the Christmas period .

Francis thanked the Road Stewards, Arthur Lewis David Seaman and Henry Havins-Caddick for lending a hand with the newsletter deliveries. She welcomed the several new Road Stewards, and thanked the retiring Road Stewards. The retiring RS for Glebe Avenue Warsaw and Weldon

has asked for her thanks and best wishes to be passed on to those members.

Francis asked Road Stewards who have not already done so to please pass on to Francis their membership list for 2005 together with any subscriptions.

Road Stewards are needed for the following roads :-

- Appledore Avenue – 27
- Bec Close - 03
- Bourne Avenue - 21
- Diamond Road – 33
- Down Barns Road -05
- Long Drive (53-175 Queens Walk to the Fairway)
- Manor Gardens -02
- Paddock Road – 06
- Primrose Gardens – 04
- Rufus Close – 02
- West End Road (Wingfield Way to Station Approach) -20

#### **14.0 Planning**

Presented by Don Ticehurst.

#### **14.1 Pets at Home**

Going to open next to Vauxhall Garage, trading with a certificate of lawfulness, but can't sell pet food. An objection has been entered.

The Mayor and UDP have stated that specialist shops need protection, which we consider our local pets shops to be.

#### **14.2 Mobile Phone Masts**

There has been no decision on the masts until West End Road or Paddock Rd.

Don Ticehurst outlined a bill, which will call for more elements, such as health concerns, to be taken into account when planning permission is requested for telecom equipment such as mobile phone masts. David Curry MP is sponsoring the bill.

#### **14.3 Pigeons**

The bridge in Bridgewater Road is much better following the work from the council.

## **15.0 Community Voice**

The current proposal is to close Mount Vernon in 2012. Cancer patients will have to travel to either central London or Hatfield.

## **16.0 Parks Friends Groups**

Mary Worrall, Head of Green Spaces Teams addressed the meeting.

### **16.1 Background to the Green Spaces Team**

Mary manages a number of sections including the Parks, Countryside Conservation, Ground maintenance and the Parks Patrol.

The council manages 220 green spaces across the borough.

### **16.2 Friends Groups**

Mary outlined a scheme whereby people can form Management and Advisory Groups to assist the council and the Green Spaces Team on decision that they are making in relation to the your park.

For example Mary highlighted the placement of benches or seats. Benches cause clustering points in parks, too close to peoples homes can cause a nuisance. Rather than second-guessing the wishes of local stakeholders the team would rather consult.

Such friends groups would ideally contain a cross section of passionate users to give a balanced view, as different people want different things from a park.

### **16.3 Green Spaces Maintenance**

Members complained at the poor maintenance of trees in the area, especially along the Black Poplars along the brook. As well as trees falling down there, the brook has also been afflicted with rubbish.

There was also concern with the state of the Hillingdon trial and Ruislip Lido.

Mary acknowledged that the tree maintenance is carried out on a reactive, rather than a planned cycle of maintenance, which the team intend to move to in due course.

## **17.0 Smart Water**

Mike Smooker, Crime Prevention Officer for Hillingdon demonstrated the benefits of Smart Water to the members. Mike pointed out that there are other similar systems available and Smart Water is a private company.

To those who purchase the system, Smart Water offer a kit containing water that is only visible in UV light and is unique to that household, so items marked can be tracked back to the household.

The kits come with stickers, which state that property is marked with Smart Water, which should deter burglars. In a ward that tried the Smart Water there was an 88% reduction in burglaries, however that ward also started a safer Neighbourhood team in the trial time, which could have affected the results of the trial. In another ward with no policing changes there was a 50% reduction in burglaries.

Smart Water also sell spray systems to mark unwanted entrants to commercial premises.

### **17.1 ADDENDUM**

Smart Water system details can be located at [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) or telephone 0870 242 8899. The cost for a household is currently approx £40 per year for the kit and rights to use and display the stickers.

## **18.0 The meeting closed at 10:00 pm.**