

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 24 January 2007**

1.0 Opening Remarks & Welcome

Mrs. Jean Ingram opened the meeting and welcomed all present including guests from RAF Northolt and councilors.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Were received from Jeremy Wasden, Rosemary Stevens, Iris Ellis , Mrs. Gambol, Anne Ticehurst.

3.0 In Attendance

65 members plus the executive committee.

Cllrs Shirley Harper O'Neill, Allan Kaufmann, Mike White, Kay Denbiegh-Willmot
RAF Northolt (Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen, Tony Mansel, Rick Collins, Ian Dennison,
Garret Doran)

4.0 Minutes from the last meeting

Were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairperson, with the following alteration. For Hardy Road read Hardy Avenue.

5.0 RAF Northolt

The project MoDEL team gave an update of the developments at RAF Northolt and outlined the reasons behind the project.

Why the project? Better value for our taxes by combining MOD sites in London. The investment in this is £180M.

The main element is moving British Forces Post Office (BFPO) from Mill Hill. In total 40 units are moving to RAF Northolt, including RAF Uxbridge, Bentley Priory, RAF West Ruislip, and RAF Eastcote.

Entrances, BFPO will use the White House Gate entrance. To ease movement within the base an internal link road from the north side of the south side will be built.

Glebe Farm has been looked at as a potential entrance, but reasons put to the meeting for not using it were 1) the owner not willing to sell, 2) it is part of the Green Belt (despite it being used to store skips) and 3) Cost.

The project team were told by the SRRA that we are not giving up on idea of Glebe Farm entrance.

Any increase in flights? There is no intention to increase beyond the current limit. At present 60% of air movements are civil, and 40% are military. The revenue obtained from the commercial flights off sets the amount it costs us in taxes.

Mr. D Seaman advised the team that Mr. N Hurd MP was consulting interested parties on traffic in South Ruislip and suggested the MoDEL team talk to him.

Cllr S Harper O'Neill asked about the impact of an increase in staff. The project team said that more jobs were being created for local people and that this would secure the future of RAF Northolt. A question was asked if RAF personnel use local GPs etc. Again there was advise no impact on local services.

The changes to the entrances in West End Road will include more traffic lights. It was claimed that this would lead to better flow because of improved sequencing. This was treated with great suspicion as improved sequencing has no benefits when a road has insufficient capacity.

Options of an A40 entrance would not expect Highways Agency (TfL) approval.

The MoDel project team and RAF Northolt staff were thanked for the presentation and answering members questions.

6.0 Police

Representatives from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (South Ruislip and Cavendish) were not present at the meeting. Our two panel representatives are Mr. H Havins-Caddick for South Ruislip ward & Mr. B Hedges for the part of Cavendish ward in South Ruislip.

Mr. B Hedges will attend a Cavendish panel meeting next week.

Mr. H Havins-Caddick advised the meeting that the police will form hit squads to tackle specific issues.

An 'environmental visual audit' was carried out in South Ruislip to see what problems needed to be tackled. Cllr. A Kauffmann agreed to provide the SRRA with a copy of the report.

An assault occurred in Bridgewater Road, was it a random attack or argument, Cllr A Kaufmann agreed to find out and advise SRRA.

Members complained that the Safer neighbourhood teams do not responding to requests, and do not return phone calls. Members were told to dial 999, If crime in progress.

There was however praise expressed for the work done by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

7.0 Treasurers Report

£500.04 current account, £10,441.94 in reserve.

8.0 Chief Road Stewards Report.

Mr. H Havins-Caddick reported on behalf of Mrs. F Jones. The SRRA is planning a recruitment drive to get more members. Thanks were expressed to the Road Stewards. Please refer to the newsletter to see which roads there is a need for Road Stewards.

8.0 Planning Report

Presented by Barry Cole

Shell petrol station development is expected to start in May. This will be for 19 dwellings as this was allowed by the inspector, despite the last application, that the SRRA was happy with, was for 17 dwellings.

Woolers site. No car repairs are taking place at present.

St Mary's church. Mobile phone masts. One antenna to be used, not eight as on planning application. Copies of objections have been forwarded on to the church. A recent report from Sweden on the concern about radiation has not proven the case for damage to health.

New consultation is due on Local Development Framework (LDF). Express Dairy site to be designated residential in LDF.

9.0 Community Voice

Mrs. L Clarke & Mr. D Ticehurst attend a Community Voice meeting.

Details of a support website for Mt Vernon were provided. A new petition to the save cancer centre is to be launched now that a new Hatfield hospital not going to be built. The petition is planned to be started in March and will be distributed to shops etc. help will be called for at the time. Please volunteer and contact Mrs. L Clarke.

A Treatment Centre is being built at Mt Vernon and should be open in the summer of 2008.

Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital. Consultation on the future of the hospital will start on the 1st February, and dates for the public to look around the hospital are expected to be announced soon.

10.0 Secretary's Report

Recycling

Due to the good levels of recycling no charges are expected to be made for collecting household rubbish.

We do however need to step up our recycling efforts and to help with this the council is compiling a recycling guide to advise residents which materials can be recycled in Hillingdon. Not all recyclable materials can be handled locally.

11.0 Transport

Presented by David Seaman

At a public inquiry into the serious accident in Field End Road a number of suggestions were made to improve safety. These included more crossing points, yellow lines at junctions and bus stops, and speed cameras.

The inquiry was also asked to consider the traffic in The Fairway and Long Drive. The inspector Councilor Barrows that a site examination be carried out, and the findings fed back to the Inquiry.

12.0 Any Other Business

Mr. N Hurd's Sustainable Communities Bill had its 2nd reading on the 19th Jan 2007 and members can read the debate by going to the 'Hansard' website.

NatCrag has circulated widely a critical report called 'The Whistleblower' on the deficiencies of a Central Railways type scheme for freight trains running through the channel tunnel. Copies can be obtained from Mr. D Ticehurst.

13.0 The meeting closed at 10:00 pm.