

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

**1.0 Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Mr. Henry Havins-Caddick opened the meeting by welcoming the guests and members present.

**2.0 Apologies for Absence**

Were received from Peter Masterson, Claudia Gerrard, Jeremy Wasden, Geoff Taylor, Jean Ingram, Iris Ellis, and Cllr E Lavery.

**3.0 In Attendance**

60 members plus the executive committee  
Cllrs. Allan Kaufman, Michael White  
Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

**4.0 Minutes from the last meeting**

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

**4.1 Matters arising**

Apologies from Cllr E Lavery were omitted from the last meeting.  
Secretary's report was omitted from the last meeting.

**5.0 Police Matters**

Anti social behaviour in the wards is being tackled. The main issue is access to alcohol. Shops are being told they must ask for identification if they are in doubt of the age of the person trying to buy alcohol.

The youth football club, with grant funding is helping to give youths something to do and keep them out of trouble.

Hillingdon is one of the worst boroughs for burglary. This is mainly in the south of the borough, but also in South Ruislip. Residents were warned of the dangers of having keys on display.

Theft of, and damage to, vehicles is also an issue. Satellite Navigation units leave a mark on the windscreen that shows that a unit may be in the vehicle. Residents were encouraged to clean the windscreen before leaving the vehicle.

Speeding on rat run to get around the queues in Station Approach and other roads such as Long Drive and The Fairway are a concern. Warnings are given if motorists are caught just above the legal limit. Speed reducing measures are due to be installed in 6 to 9 months time. Information on cars stopped for speeding will be given at the next meeting.

It was asked if photos be used as evidence? For example off road bike also observed with no registration. They are very useful in helping the police in their investigations and may be used in evidence. Members were warned not to step in, as this only makes you a target.

Contact Numbers for the Safer Neighbourhood team are, mobile land line rate 0784 3291093 and Land line with answer phone 0208 721 2011

Other issues raised were; Overheight vehicles trying to get under the railway bridge at South Ruislip station. Dangerous parking in Victoria Road and Field End Road, especially on Sundays. Traffic lights at Focus store being jumped.

## **6.0 Notrag**

Christine Taylor, Christine Shilling and Linda McCutcheon from NoTRAG gave a presentation on the forthcoming DFT consultation. The consultation is expected in November / December, and the duration will be 12 weeks.

The main points of the presentation were;

An explanation of current and proposed operation modes.

Alternatives suggested for short haul (such as high speed rail service).

Effect of a third runway would increase flights from 480k to 800k.

Impact of the proposed expansion on health, housing, education etc.

Publicity, meetings, posters, newsletters.

A discussion followed covering the following points.

Policing issue at climate camp – this was not enforced by local police.

Terminal 6 will be bigger than Terminal 5.

Future Heathrow - populous survey questions loaded. Asked frequent fliers. Area questions were from 12 authorities. The results were in effect a press release from BAA.

BAA needs to manage the current airport better. BAA is owned by Spanish company which is unique in having compulsory purchase powers. The company also comprises of road construction companies.

Could cargo be moved out of Heathrow?

The discussion was concluded with a show of hands in support of NoTRAG.

## **7.0 Treasurer's Report**

Balances at the end of June 2007 were: Current Account £639.25. Deposit Account £10,670.59.

## **8.0 Chief Road Steward's Report**

The October newsletters were delivered to Road Stewards by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. Thank you to the Road Stewards and volunteers as always. Thank you to the editor Margaret Wallis for all her hard work. When I get phone calls from local residents wanting to join it is because they have seen the newsletter, and the comments are always complimentary. Because of some difficulty at the printers a super quality paper was used for the current newsletter (at no extra cost to the Association). Next quarter the newsletter will be printed on the usual paper. Remember that the Association pays for the newsletter printing. Thank you to Foley and Davis who photocopy the SRRA leaflets free of charge.

More Road Stewards are needed as always, please contact Mr Henry Havins-Caddick or Mrs F Jones to volunteer- the list is in the newsletter.

## **9.0 Secretary's Report**

A transport representative on the committee is still needed. Recent transport issues raised are;

Traffic lights a 'Focus' store

The yellow box junction at Wingfield Way / West End Road.

Cars speeding in Long Drive.

Other issues raised were covered in the police section.

## **10. Planning**

In Northolt Ave, a bungalow was replaced by multiple dwellings without permission. The council have blocked the sale of the new properties.

Gt Central Ave. Care home for people with behavioural problems has been objected to.

Harvey Road residents have complained about couples having sex in cars.

Long drive – block of flats. Petition has been generated and an objection letter has been sent from SRRA. The petition was available for signing at the meeting.

Glebe Farm – High court action is due on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 for the council to challenge inspector on his decision.

It is expected to be 4 years until Express Dairies site will be converted to residential use (it is designated as such in the local development framework).

Field End School car boot sales. Although opinion was divided, the majority of members wanted to object to the holding of boot sales at the school.

## **11.0 Community Voice**

The new Hillingdon Hospital. This will go ahead at some point in the future and will have a phased introduction. It will be smaller than the current hospital, due to other hospitals providing services. The old building will be the first to go and some departments will go to Mt Vernon. Hillingdon Hospital will be a district hospital.

Foundation status. The hospitals management is keen for residents to be members of the trust, and forms were circulated at the meeting.

Sodexo is the new cleaning company to be employed at the hospital.

## **12.0 AOB**

Mr James Ware asked the SRRA for support to get lift access to platforms installed at South Ruislip Station. The members of SRRA gave their full support for this.

Memorial Stone for Jim O'Neill. Some members were concerned the correct procedures were not followed in the installation of the memorial stone in Stonfield Park. They feel it is an inappropriate form of memorial and that it should be located elsewhere.

Mr Robin Kirby raised two issues.

- 1) Glebe School – may be sold and children moved to West Ruislip
- 2) From a Transport for London report, the U1 bus route is not expected for at least two years.

## **16.0 The meeting closed at 10.20 pm**