

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 27 July 2005**

1.0 Opening Remarks & welcome

Mrs Jean Ingram opened the meeting.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Were received from – Alan Kaufman, PC Ian Ellis, Iris Ellis

3.0 In Attendance

Approximately 53 members plus the executive committee. Mr Nick Hurd M.P., Cllr. O. Curley, Janice Dark, Cllr. Elaine Webb, Cllr. Mike Cox.

4.0 Minutes from the last meeting

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

5.0 Nick Hurd

Nick said that he is pleased to represent us until the next election, at least. Everyone is encouraged to write and ask for help. Current South Ruislip issues are, the proposed new school, personal security, Law and order, planning, and Hospitals (Mt Vernon, Harefield).

School. Nick Hurd met with Cllr Puddifoot, but conceded that the school is now going to be built, Nick will support the school to help it be a success. With regard to effect on other schools, Nick does not want them adversely affected. A question was raised on Dfes effectiveness, and Nick was asked to contact the minister to make sure rules are applied. Cllr Oliver Curley raised the issue of Nick's support for school and spending of £20m.

Law and order. Safer neighbourhoods is working, but is keen to get SRRA feed back. Graffiti budget increased but is it working? There is a need thing for the youth to do.

Planning decisions. Nick said that decisions are being taken centrally against local interest. Nick said he will not get involved in local disputes, but will for larger applications where the community is at one.

Hospitals. Harefield, common sense has prevailed but after a large amount of money has been spent. The future of Harefield is Nick's top priority. Mt Vernon cancer services. NH will be taking up our cause. New hospital on Northolt site? No.

RAF Northolt. Nick said that the Government wants a 3rd runway at Heathrow, which is incompatible with flying at Northolt. Mixed message as RAF Northolt is expanding activities.

Question on effectiveness of local councillors, and Cllr Puddifoot especially. Nick suggested that SRRA invite him to a meeting.

Oliver Curley questions

Mr Don Ticehurst has revised plans for flats in Station Approach. Cllr Curley will be speaking for us at the appeal for flats in the Fairway.

What is happening to parking in Gt. Central Ave? Not enough response for Residents parking but will put in yellow lines on corners. Plans can be changed if residents are unhappy.

Lowering of road at Sth. Ruislip Bridge. Consultation only at present.

6.0 Police Matters

JB apologies for absence. Mr Don Ticehurst and Mr Henry Havins-Caddick will deputise.

The shops in South Ruislip have been subject to vandalism, robbery, graffiti and fly tipping. It is time that CCTV was installed to protect the area. Mrs Josianne Buchanan is to pursue this matter raised by Celia Beresford.

7.0 Licensing.

No applications made in our area yet, but all must apply for a licence before August.

9.0 Reports

9.1 Chairs Report

See items in the newsletters. More committee members are needed.

9.2 Chief Road Steward's Report

This Quarter the newsletters arrived from the printer on the 2nd July and were delivered to the Road Stewards between the 4th and 11th. Thank you to Arthur Lewis for delivering to members in Diamond Road and Princes Way.

I am very pleased that as from this quarter Henry Havins-Caddick, who is already a Road Steward and member of the SRRA Committee has agreed to join forces with me each Quarter to get the Newsletters and Information to Road Stewards and members as quickly as possible.

As always thank you to the SRRA Road Stewards, who are all volunteers.

Thank you to Foley & Davis the estate agents who copy Assoc leaflets free of charge.

Additional RS are always welcome. Even if you do not want to be a RS I would be glad of some more volunteers to deliver the newsletters each quarter, so please help if you can.

Road Stewards are needed for the following roads :-

Appledore Avenue – 27	Bec Close -03
Bourne Avenue- 21	Diamond Road – 33
Down Barns Road -05	Manor Gardens -02
Paddock Road – 06	Primrose Gardens – 04
Princes Way 08	Rufus Close – 02
West End Road (Wingfield Way to Station Approach) -20	

9.3 Secretary's Report

Green belts were created to keep the city in the city. Green Belt is countryside next to urban areas where there is a risk that the openness will be invaded by urban sprawl. It is specifically designated as Green Belt to:

- Protect the countryside from urban sprawl
- Encourage urban regeneration
- Stop towns from merging into each other
- Protect the countryside setting of historic towns and cities

Green Belts celebrate 50 years but they are under serious threat, they have been remarkably successful in preventing our towns and cities from sprawling into the countryside and encouraging urban regeneration. They provide us with a peaceful escape into the countryside but they are under increasing threat from development pressures.

Please fill out the post cards from the CPRE and tell the Government how much you value the Green Belt. As with other parts of the Green belt plots in Ruislip have been sold as speculative investments.

9.4 Transport Report

Queens Walk yellow lines consultation is expected in two week.

Response to local implementation plan was discussed.

9.5 Treasurer's Report

Current is £882.76 and reserve is £9624.28.

9.6 Planning

Plans for Northolt. SRRA and other are trying to get an entrance through Glebe Farm.

Council should have issued enforcement notice, but we expect an appeal.

Shell Garage. Improvements to plans made, but some residents are still against. SRRA will continue to get the best design. Now 19 and not 29 flats.

Long Drive. Planning refused, gone to appeal, inquiry to be held. JI went to see NH and NH has seen Jean Palmer has said that character of houses does not count for anything. Chris Hern London Planning Aid is helping and may be at inquiry.

Pet super store still waiting an inquiry. SRRA will attend.

Argos are opening, but there is no change of use. No planning application.

IKEA, Oak Farm residents have asked us to support them. With members agreement we will not put in an objection but will write support to Oak farm. It was suggested that area be used for the car park. Mention of effect on journey times to Hillingdon Hospital.

No news on the Tally Ho site.

10.0 Foxes

Janice Dark talked about urban foxes. It is an offence to poison foxes e.g. Jeys fluid despite LBH giving this advice. It is also very indiscriminate. Janice Dark will advise LBH that they are wrong. If foxes are removed, then new foxes will come in. There is a natural balance, and need food and water to breed. Foxes are attracted by bird tables, rats and mice, ponds or other sources of water. Compost heaps. They can scale an 8' fence and dig 2' down to food they can smell. Avoid animal based fertiliser which causes foxes to scrape soil. Make sure animals are in predator proof hutches etc.

Foxes are not vermin. Contact details for help available. Pest control should not get involved. Chemical deterrents are also available. Foxes use faeces as a scent marker.

Foxes do not carry diseases that affect humans but do suffer from mange which can be passed on to dogs. Homeopathic remedies are available to treat them. They could suffer from rabies if it was in the UK but could be treated.

No danger unless they become trapped. You can then get bitten, if you find a trapped one, leave them alone and they will escape. Cats usually win a fight, and are not in danger, foxes will only pick up carrion off the road.

Books available from libraries. Questions and answer session.

10.0 AOB

Community voice. Help need to come to the next meeting in 1st Sept. to discuss cancer services being removed from Mt Vernon.

11.0 The meeting closed at 22:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on the 27th Oct.