

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
AGM and QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2004**

1. Opening Remarks

Jean Ingram, opened the meeting, welcoming all present.

2. Apologies for Absence

Were received from – Oliver Curley, Mary O'Connor, Elaine Webb, Shirley Harper O'Neil, Elaine Haynes, Frances Jones, Margaret Wallis, Hazel Hook, Iris Ellis.

Diana Wingrove Owens has resigned from the committee. Thanks was expressed for all the work she has put in for the Association.

3. In Attendance

50 members including the executive committee.
Paul Himsworth.

4. Last Minutes

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

5. Police matters

Paul Himsworth presented the May 2004 results for operation Clean Sweep. These showed a reduction in crime in May and June compared with 2003. Particular successes have been made in the areas of reducing graffiti, alcohol seized from minors and off road motorcycling were highlighted.

The issue of speeding cars in Field End Road and Bridgwater Road was raised. This is not a priority for the local police group, who are concentrating on crime (gangs, burglaries, vehicle crime and graffiti), a sentiment agreed by some of the members,

The local team has two members joining and will be complete by the end of August.

6.0 Matters arising

6.1 RAF Northolt

Two dates for visits have been arranged. The 24th August and the 28th September. A maximum of 20 on each visit can be accommodated.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Chief Road Steward's Report

Thank you to all the Road Stewards for delivering the newsletters. Subscriptions and membership lists will be gratefully received.

A special thank you to two Road Stewards who have been doing the job for 15 years, Mrs Green for Hartland Drive and Mr Whittlesey for Bourne Avenue. The meeting was advised that Mr Whittlesey had recently suffered a stroke. The SRRRA wish him a speedy recovery.

Thanks was given to volunteer help in delivering the newsletters from Arthur, Jean and Ruby, without whom all the roads could not have been covered.

Additional Road Stewards are always welcome, I am pleased to welcome Tracey Lennard for Deane Avenue, Gill Martin for Angus Drive, Jeremy Wasden for part of Torcross Road and Jackie Harris for Wingfield Way.

Road Stewards are still needed for Torcross Road, Appledore Avenue, Diamond Road, West End Road, Princes Way, Brackenbridge Drive, Bec Close and Rufus Close.

James Ware agreed at the meeting to take on part of Torcross Road.

7.2 Secretary's Report

The item in the newsletter requesting volunteers for the committee was written before Diana Wingrove-Owens resignation. We are even more in need of additional committee members now.

It was asked if an evening visit to RAF Northolt could be arranged. This will be investigated.

7.3 Transport Report

7.3.1 Parking

The report sent to Cllr Mike Heyward is still awaited. A debate about the need for parking controls in narrow roads and around South Ruislip station followed. The merits and disadvantages of various schemes were discussed.

The concern of access for fire engines was also raised. Bob Dean will pursue this.

7.3.2 Tram

The proposed tram route from Uxbridge to Shepherd's Bush is not in our area, but there would be knock on effects if it was to be built.

The terminus would take up part of the pedestrian area in Uxbridge.

There is no connection to Hillingdon Hospital.

Traffic would be displaced to the A40.

Alternative rail connections were suggested as more useful improvements, such as running the Central Line into Uxbridge and an extension of the Piccadilly Line from Uxbridge to Heathrow.

7.3.3 U1 bus

No decision has been made by TfL yet. TfL will be responding to all those who took part in the consultation. LBH have carried out a risk assessment, and although it is not published yet, officers have identified a number of similar safety issues. Ward councillors have been consulted. The residents' preference of using the main roads has been promoted at all levels of the consultation.

7.4 Planning

Despite raising concerns over security, the plans to build 21 flats in West End Road have been approved, following the provision of section 106 money.

An objection has been made to the re submitted plans for a care home on the site of the 'Tally- Ho!'. The objection is to the size and style of the building and not to the use of the land for a care home.

The builders centre is to be refurbished. This is away from the houses and was viewed as an improvement to the current buildings.

LBH have applied for more money to build the school at Sidmouth Drive. Proposed housing developments at The Master Brewer, US Navy base in West Ruislip, and at Lime Grove all show that a school at Sidmouth Drive is in the wrong place. No response has been received from the meeting with Ray Puddifoot.

Currently being built are; 6th form library and common room at Queensmead school, a Volkswagon showroom in Victoria Road and a distribution warehouse in Stonfield Way.

7.5 Community Voice

Leaflets were distributed for the world standard Paul Strickland scanner service.

An ophthalmology service will be provided at Mt Vernon until October. After that Hillingdon Hospital may provide the service.

7.6 Bourne Lodge

The meeting agreed that the SRRA will support the campaign to save Bourne Lodge from closure and to collect names on a petition to. Copies of the petition were circulated.

There are currently 48 Hillingdon residents in Bedfordshire who should be at centres such as Bourne Lodge.

Letters will be written to the local M.Ps. and councillors.

8.0 Any other business

8.1 Chrysalis Fund Project

James Ware appealed for help to get Chrysalis funding for a bridge across the Yeading Brook. He agreed to include a foot path and cycle track in the application. It is hoped that a plan will be available for the next meeting.

8.2 BT phone box

BT intend to remove the Phone box at the end of Long Drive. The names of 30 residents have been collected who want to keep the phone box.

8.3 Disabled access to South Ruislip Station

James Ware would like to start a campaign to make South Ruislip Station accessible to disabled people. The meeting agreed that the SRRA would support this.

8.4 Grass cutting etc.

Les Hunt has had success in getting a better quality service from the councils parks contractor Sodhexo. This has included grass cutting in parks and verges.

9.0

The meeting closed at 21:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on the 26th October, Sgt N Anderson and his team will be here.