

ADDINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

held 2nd October 2018 at 8.00pm in Addington Methodist Church Hall

Present:

ARA Committee : Gina Stoneman, Aline Antoine, Terry Belsey, Alan Chitty, Wictor Molleskog, Mike Bond, Jeff Jordan, Paul Bearman, Geoff Hopper, Salli Ransom, Malcolm Graveling

Croydon Council : Cllr Helen Pollard

- 1) **Apologies** were received from Keith James and Cllr Robert Ward.
- 2) **Minutes** of the previous meeting were discussed at length and should be corrected regarding our web-site as follows in 3(a).
- 3) **Matters arising:**
 - a) **ARA's web site:** Unbeknown to the Committee members present at that last meeting, **Salli Ransom** has prepared a new web-site www.addington-residents.co.uk which can already be viewed on-line. No slight was intended to Salli, and the Committee offered its thanks both to her, and to Terry Belsey for his long efforts on the old web site (proposed by PB, seconded by WM). The new site was discussed, and suggestions made, including a Twitter feed, although there are few Twitter users within the Committee. Retaining eMail access as a way for the community to contact the Committee remains important.
 - b) **Pioneer Place:** **Cllr Pollard** will enquire again within the Council as to whether any negotiations have commenced regarding selling the site for a school development. It is possible that a Peregrine Falcon may have started to nest in a large tree within the **back field**. **Cllr Pollard** may be able to utilize some of her local budget towards an initial wildlife survey, prior to the Committee developing a maintenance plan for any potential adoption of the site from the Council. Shirley Residents' Association have just completed a similar scheme, and advice may be available from CPRE and LWT.
 - c) **Gravel Hill bus-stop near BP:** **Cllr Pollard** will meet with **Wictor Molleskog** to take photos of the area that requires Council action.
 - d) **Committee BBQ:** this inaugural event in the back field was very successful, and the Committee expressed their thanks to Paul Bearman for hosting, and to Keith James for his efforts behind the barbecues.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:**

Alan Chitty reported funds up slightly, with two editions of the Magazine still to be paid for.
- 5) **Supplementary Planning Documents:** this issue seems to have gone almost unnoticed, with an exhibition due at the Selsdon Retirement Centre this Thursday 4th October from 4.00pm until 8.00pm. Any objections need to be lodged to the Council by **15th October**, so we

do not have much time if any individual wishes to register their views. Cllr Jason Perry is expected to clarify the position shortly.

6) Advertising:

After some debate and a vote, it was decided to maintain the status quo for the time being, and to remain with JB Shakespeare as our funeral advertiser. For clarity, it has long been the Committee's position to accept just one advertiser in any major category, due to our small size and limited audience.

7) Any Other Business:

- a) The Planning Application app has alerted us to a potential small business development in an outbuilding of a house in Featherbed Lane. While the Committee has no opinion on this issue, this type of early advice is exactly what the app brings us.
- b) It was decided to send Keith's wife some flowers for his efforts at the Committee's barbecue.
- c) Collecting eMail addresses from residents remains a problem, so anyone who wishes to be kept apprised of local developments is urged to let us have their contact details.

8) Meeting closed at 9.10pm – next meeting on Tuesday 6th November 2018.