

OLD COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 14th May 2018
At the Chairman's house, 20 Canon's Hill.

Present:

Janet Stollery (Chairman)	Adrian Fosberry	Michael Seabrook
Mike Blake	Nicola Glover	Vic Young
Alan Clifford	Lee Honey	Chris Wright
Marion Clifford	Brian Hudson	
Sally Cook	Nigel Rea	

By invitation:

Cllr Margaret Bird	Charlie (Chair's grandson)
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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Caroline Jewell.

2. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 9th April 2018

Agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

None.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Finance – report attached.

CJ sent report via email, there were no questions.

4.2 Membership and Recruitment

MC reported that there are memberships are coming in thick and fast, she has had 23 replies for the road stewards party with 31 people attending, although she is not sure whether all are bringing plus ones or not. It was also noted that we will need to cover for BH next newsletter as he is a super-steward and is away 14-26 Jun (the newsletter is due on 16 Jun), JS said she can cover for BH. VY will not attend the stewards party as he will be elsewhere. MC has also invited the 2 super-stewards that are not also road stewards.

SC said she will try to get the newsletter published earlier to make it easier to distribute, current content includes: theatre group, wine column, AGM report, committee members list, brief accounts, WW1 and the rotary fair.

4.3 Planning – Report attached.

MS drew attention to the applications in his report:

- 86 Bradmore Way, this application will probably go ahead, the only issue may be that the neighbours might have their own concerns, but unless we are contacted there seems to be no need to intervene.
- 43 Homefield Road, the Council have ordered the removal of the decking in the garden, by refusal of planning permission, there were comments from the room as to why it was refused, but no action to be taken.
- As for no 76 Keston, there are still 3 new houses to be built, currently there is an amendment in the planning system to keep the existing house as well instead of removing

it, as this is just an amendment we probably won't be able to object, MS will keep a close eye on proceedings.

- It was also mentioned that the uppermost house on Waddington Avenue that flooded has still not sold, it should be noted that the original bungalow on the site didn't have issues with flooding. JS advised that all new buildings now must have SuDS.

4.4 Publicity – report attached

NR advised that the monthly mail was not sent and asked if we should change the mail to an as and when system rather than monthly, all agreed this was OK.

4.5 Website – report attached.

NR advised that he had looked at changing the events list for a calendar but it was not very good, so he has gone back to the list. The homepage had some changes as well as he trialed colours etc. LH has offered to help with a view to taking over the website at some point. The pages that get updated are currently: Blog, events and planning. Changes were also made to the contact list. LH also asked if it was OK to remove the two Facebook members that have caused issues in the past, all agreed to remove and block them.

4.6 Newsletter

It was agreed that we had already covered the newsletter.

4.7 Security

There were no questions regarding the security report.

5. COUNCIL ISSUES

MB confirmed that there had not been much going on at the Council as we have just had an election, the Councillors' positions have been announced.

6. CROYDON AND COULSDON DEVELOPMENTS

JS confirmed that Dr Khan has been encouraged to retire. The RAs have come out in force to support him, MB pointed out that the CCG have tried to get him to update his practices but he has not, they are still trying to help him improve. There is to be a meeting with the CCG at the fire station to discuss next steps. The CCG are also working to ensure coverage for patients. JS asked what the suggested facility was for Cane Hill, MB advised that it was the newly approved CALAT Centre build.

It was also mentioned, that Quintessential, the English restaurant had gone.

7. AGM 2018 – Monday 16th April

JS advised that the talk was very good, there were 43 attendees including some of the new road stewards.

8. Rotary Fair 2018

JS advised that we need to check that it is OK to have a car on the stand. Competitions on the stand were discussed and it was decided that we will have, number of balloons in the car (junior and senior categories) and a body parts quiz for adults and a children's quiz. It was also decided that we need some more leaflets, JS will print them closer to the fair. JS will also look for the banner. VY will approach charities for children's prize toys etc, and MC will get 2x £25 M&S vouchers as adult prizes.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (including other reports & correspondence)

JS has had a letter from the congregational church, they are having a flower festival, she will email everyone about it.

It was noted that the Coulsdon Forum seems to have died, however, we donated money to them and they still have that, it is unsure what has happened to it.

All committee members were asked if they wanted to continue with the responsibilities that they had previously had, they were confirmed as:

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BH noted that he managed to get a larger garden waste bin although it was not easy, it was also noted that the Council are tending to miss bins or deliver them late.

A comment was made about the parking in Lacey Drive during the school run. MB advised that schools are supposed to monitor the traffic etc. but all schools have similar issues. Keston does not seem too bad though. It was also said that Woodcote have restricted parking around the school from 8.30-9.00 am and 3.00-3.30 pm, this causes it's own issues for surrounding roads.

AF reported that he had attended the East Surrey Transport Committee Meeting, TfL were a guest. The 466 have added a couple of extra buses to take the Oasis traffic, they are going to change to add a 60. The 166 going to the Lavender fields is really busy from Coulsdon South, there are efforts to change to transport from Epsom. The 466 Crossways stop still hits the dropped kerb due to the zigzags, it is being looked into.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 11th June, in the **Old Coulsdon Centre for the Retired**.
The meeting closed at 9.54 pm.

FINANCE REPORT-April 2018

Period January- April 2018

Period - April 2018

	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership Subscriptions	1,222.00		1,104.00	
Newsletter Adverts	732.75		470.25	
Donations	8.00		8.00	
Theatre Club Subscriptions	0.00		0.00	
Xmas party	0.00		0.00	
Total Receipts		1,962.75		1,582.25

PAYMENTS

Telephone	0.00		0.00	
Ink cartridges & IT	78.31		33.54	
General printing	0.00		0.00	
Postage	57.20		48.48	
Stationery	25.25		19.75	
Newsletters	882.00		0.00	
Subscriptions	70.00		0.00	
Donations	110.00		0.00	
AGM	6.92		6.92	
Road stewards party	35.00		0.00	
Village fair	108.00		0.00	
OCRA meetings hall hire	250.00		0.00	
Xmas party	35.00		0.00	
Website	41.94		0.00	
Equipment	578.95		357.47	
Gifts	3.18		3.18	
Insurance	0.00		0.00	
WW1 funds	42.00		0.00	
Total Payments		2,323.75		469.34

Excess of receipts (Jan - April)

-361.00

Excess of payments (April)

-1,112.91

Nat West Current A/C at April 30th, 2018 £9,577.03

C Jewell 13/05/2018

Membership Report

Firstly thank you to Janet who has done endless interviewing for the new road stewards.

A lady has volunteered to do the odds side of Bradmore Way. I contacted Carmel & Rob Fraser, who were doing both sides of Bradmore Way as cover for a year, to check where they were with collecting the money etc. They have called twice on the houses we cover in Bradmore Way and are awaiting return of envelopes. Pauline Ross will take over the odds side from June. I suggest we invite her to the road steward's party.

We have covered all rounds now apart from Waddington Avenue, which we have given up on.

I have received one return for this year from Brian Hudson's round – well done Brian.

The road steward's party invites will need to be sent out shortly. Can we please post them as we did last year?

This is how we now look.

50 – 128 BRADMORE WAY	35 HOUSES	CARMEL FRASER
53 – 115 BRADMORE WAY	35 HOUSES	PAULINE ROSS
1 – 35 CURLING CLOSE	35 HOUSES	RACHEL LETTS
1 – 59 HOMEFIELD ROAD + Oasis Academy	32 HOUSES	JENNY JOHNSON
2 - 50 HOMEFIELD ROAD + Wheelwrights, Windmill Farm, Windmill House,	30 HOUSES	IAN & CATHY HUGHES
53 -101 & 52 – 92 TAUNTON LANE & TAUNTON FARM & FARM ANNEXE	46 HOUSES	JILL BURNHAM
179 -257 CATERHAM DRIVE & 1 – 10 SHAW CLOSE	49 HOUSES	JOHN ELVIN
1-10 AUSTIN CLOSE	10 HOUSES	JANET OVERELL
1-35 & 2-24 CATERHAM DRIVE, BENHAM CLOSE, ROGERS CLOSE	59 HOUSES	SARAH COLLYER

Well done to us all for struggling through this rough patch of looking for road stewards.

Marion Clifford
7.4.2018

Planning Report

Land Agents

Builders are sniffing around for land again. I have had a letter saying that my neighbours are happy to have houses in their gardens, but the neighbours say nothing of the sort has happened in fact they never met the bloke! Crooked tactics. This happened in Keston Avenue too.

Are we aware of other approaches?

Is there a way we can deal with this subject with our residents? I think the actual land values in the triangle between Waddington and Keston must be sky high now. My concern is that these builders will be putting in low offers for the land which may be accepted by the householders. Yet if you were to offer the actual value, the builders might not be able to afford to build there. As OCRA has a remit to protect our village, is there a (albeit counter intuitive) argument somewhere in this?

We can have an interesting discussion during the meeting!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

These are the Planning Applications submitted in the OCRA area in the last two months copied from the Croydon Council Public Access [Planning Register](#). Click on the link for the individual application to see more details.

[Eucalyptus Tree - Top the tree at about 40 ft.](#)

4 Blakefield Gardens Coulsdon CR5 1AY

Eucalyptus Guinnii is not suitable for gardens really, grows three feet a year (as do the roots and has ability to damage drains not unlike a willow tree_ Any reduction of height is a blessing. BUT, there is a lot of tree clearing going on in this area at the moment.

Ref. No: 18/01555/CAT | Received: Fri 23 Mar 2018

[Erection of a single storey front and two storey side extension.](#)

153 Mead Way Coulsdon CR5 1PR

Ref. No: 18/01387/HSE | Received: Mon 19 Mar 2018

A revised plan for a very typical application that makes a double fronted house over an ex garage from a single fronted house

[Installation of rooflights on front roofslope; erection of gable end and dormer extension on rear roofslope](#)

8 Keston Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1HL

Ref. No: 18/01303/LP | Received: Tue 13 Mar 2018

I don't think roof lights will *harm* anybody.

[Erection of a two storey side and rear extension, and ground floor rear extension.](#)

11 Tudor Close Coulsdon CR5 1HQ

Ref. No: 18/01155/HSE | Received date: Tue 06 Mar 2018

This is the most concerning one simply because the houses in Tudor Close are very close to each other and there may well be consequences to the neighbours. I'm having a look at this before the meeting and will report back on my findings but happy to hear your views on this one

[Demolition of no 76: erection of 3 x two storey three bedroom detached houses at rear and 1 x two storey four bedroom detached house at the front with accommodation in roofspace: formation of access road and provision of associated parking \(amendment to applicaiton number 17/02545/FUL\)](#)

76 And Land R/O 76-80 Keston Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1HN

Ref. No: 18/00877/NMA | Received: Tue 20 Feb 2018

Having firstly said that an application to change the appearance of the houses was not actually a fresh application but an amendment to an already approved application, there has been another supposed amendment to the original application which is the house by the road is not going to be knocked down after all, only the garage is to be destroyed. This would seem to indicate the builder is on a very tight budget to make this work. I'm sure in the past this could have been treated as a new application, however Croydon Council will no doubt wave it through. Point to note – if it is NOT a new application then no objections would actually count. Objections are allowed on the website and the area has even been leafleted by some thoughtful soul that thought the application has not already been approved / waved through. But the application suggests it is just an amendment (to add to the other amendment) so whilst I will be objection the validity of any comments would appear to rest on whether it is JUST an amendment....

Flooding

Had a report from Julie which showed an assessment of the Waddington Avenue developments in respect of flooding.

This suggests torrents of water will go down the hill (basically towards 60 – 70 Caterham Drive eek!) as a result of the building. There was not a sign of this during the last flooding. The last EA maps I saw suggested the water would go down the road instead but she does make a relevant point that every extra build does increase run off. The building of 6 houses in a row on Keston may even have a ripple effect in run off going down towards Caterham Drive.

Michael Seabrook
7.4.2018

Publicity Report

- Monthly Mail - April edition drafted - now publishing on Facebook and website only.
- Diary Dates notice updated for Tudor Parade & Lacey Green noticeboards.

Nigel Rea
4.4.2018

Website Report

The website is at <https://www.theocra.org.uk/>.

Events - latest dates for 2018 added.

The Blog is used to publish current issues. The items in April are:

- Waste Collection
- Kenley Revival Project
- Coulsdon Commons Newsletter
- OCRA AGM
- Coulsdon East SNT Newsletter
- OCRA Road Stewards
- Travel Information
- Rooms for Hire
- School Holiday Dates
- etc.

Planning - latest applications are under Planning - also added to Facebook - last one was 23rd March.

Facebook - there are now 2,026 (1,925) members of the OCRA Group. 20 new members this week.

Nigel Rea

4.4.2018

Newsletter Report

I have started work on the Summer issue of the newsletter. Renewal Letters and emails have been sent out to advertisers, offering the 5% discount to the majority book and pay for 3 issues in advance. Not only does this get payment in early, but helps with the planning for future issues.

Included in the Summer newsletter will be a report on the AGM, list of Committee Members and a Financial Report (abridged version).

I will be looking for suggestions and contributions for this issue and, going forward, any ideas for possible content for future issues. If you are planning to submit an article or report, it would be helpful if you could give me an idea of how much space you anticipate requiring. Copy date is 18th May and, if anyone needs extra time to finalise their report or article, please let me know asap.

I will be discussing with Daniel, the printer, how to take advantage of an "economical print run". It will, therefore, be helpful if we can ascertain (as close as possible) the number of copies required.

We received over 200 copies of the Spring newsletter in excess of our order and, although we were not charged for the extra, unless they can be put to good use, it is such a waste of paper.

Well, I hope you all get your thinking caps of and come up with some great ideas.

Sally Cook

5.4.2018

Security Report

I won't say the Q word but appears to be a calm locally.

Two stabbings in Coulsdon Town turned up a knife in an area I have done some work on, further work taking place to make the area safer and reduce fear of crime (this is the area of the footbridge and ramps/stairs close to Coulsdon Town Station).

Removal of Seating to displace Anti-Social Behaviour.

Clean & re paint or replace footbridge. If footbridge not replaced upgrade lighting to LED and uniformed.

Management of waste removal from refuse bins.

Increase Surveillance opportunities from existing surrounds.

There has been some damage to the play park in Grange Park where it looks like someone has taken a lighter to some of the equipment and melted it. (Is there scope for OCRA to fund a moveable ip camera for any issues that arise not only here but anywhere in Coulsdon.

Advice for general bits for crime prevention has been exhausted for Facebook without going into specialist items, any suggestions for future posts would be welcomed.

Nigel mentioned to me that it would be handy for the SNT to get involved in some of the posts that arise on Facebook although this is very difficult to do as they need to run all releases through a central media team. If anything is spotted can it be flagged to me and I will attempt to answer and in the case I cannot then I will make contact with Chris.

I met with Jeff Boothe the Croydon/Sutton and Bromley Borough Commander a couple of weeks ago and raised the issue of limited responses to problems locally when issues arise, his focus is on knife crime which is understandable although we are entitled to a service as Council Tax payers too, if anyone speaks to anyone local about any Crime or ASB please can they ensure that reporting the issue is worthwhile regardless of how many times they do it or the response received, resources are only ever directed to anywhere a problem can be attributed to reports and the attitude of not reporting because nothing will happen only adds to the problem.

Lee Honey

13.5.2018