

OLD COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 9th October 2017
In the Old Coulsdon Centre for the Retired

Present:

Janet Stollery (Chairman)
Mike Blake
Alan Clifford
Marion Clifford
Adrian Fosberry

Brian Hudson
Caroline Jewell
Nigel Rea
Vic Young

By Invitation:
Cllr Chris Wright

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Sally Cook, Lee Honey and Michael Seabrook.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 11th September 2017

These were agreed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

The Chair reported that although the numbers at the Autumn Party had not been high, those attending appeared to have enjoyed the event. However, it would be appropriate to end the autumn event.

The WW1 Commemoration – NR had discussed with Carole Skinner, who had prepared the recent exhibition, and added to it since, the possibility of a presentation as she had many related images.

The Chair reported another local cat killing, this time in Kenley.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Finance – report attached.

CJ drew attention to the recent payments in, membership subs and payments for newsletter adverts. There had been some minor payments out. The next printing payment will take up the current £800 surplus. The donation of £1000 to CLOC will take up the latest annual surplus.

The OCRA insurance was being investigated prior to renewal and the proposed reduction in cover, to public liability only, should result in a lower annual premium than the current £280 – to be actioned by the end of October.

ACTION: CJ

BH commented that there was no report of any invoices from the City of London in respect of the second OCRA sign – MB said that this was because the work had not been completed.

4.2 Membership and Recruitment

MC drew attention to several vacant road steward posts but thought that inserting a recruitment leaflet in the next newsletter would not be productive. Following a brief discussion, an article in the February newsletter was agreed. Theatre Club members, 29 out of 31, had now paid their subscriptions, confirmed by CJ. In response for a request to cover roads without a road steward, CJ, AF and MC volunteered. NR reported a new road in the area: Cedar View Close, off Keston Avenue. MC reported that Tony Clark had kindly offered to provisionally distribute newsletters in Placehouse Lane. In closing, MC reported 77% OCRA membership, based on returns to date, which was in line with previous years.

4.3 Planning – Report attached.

The Chair led on this item in MS's absence.

- ⌚ Keston Path (behind Caterham Drive). Responding to some concerns, CW reported that this was in the Green Belt and that there had been tree felling and grass seeding, possibly connected to horse grazing.

- ⌚ Homefield House. There had been reports of an archaeological investigation of the site. CW reported that the original building on the site had been demolished in the 1950's.
- ⌚ Brick by Brick Developments. CW reported that there was no further information on the Homefield or Tollers developments.
- ⌚ 2 Cedar View Close. CW reported that the site was being checked by Council officers.
- ⌚ Tree Pruning Applications. These raised no concerns.
- ⌚ Housing Policy. AF drew attention to recent reports that central government was concerned about the low level of house building against targets in London's Zones 5 and 6 compared to Zones 1 and 2. This could result in additional pressure to increase the rate of development in Outer London. BH added that the Green Belt was already under threat.
- ⌚ OC Surgery. BH reported the recent erection of scaffolding at the Old Coulsdon Medical Practice. CW reported that changes has been made to the original designs, some in response to the neighbour's concerns. One feature of the design was a buggy park at the front of the site.
- ⌚ Planning Application Publicity. CW reported that the Council would be informing, in writing, immediate neighbours of planning applications. Consequently, there was a possibility that others affected would not be informed.
- ⌚ Cane Hill. The Chair reported that she had advised the new residents there on the setting up of a residents' association.

4.4 Publicity – report attached

NR had nothing to add.

4.5 Website – report attached.

NR had nothing to add. Responding to the Chair, NR reported a further increase in the Facebook site membership to 1600 and that there was a filtering of applicants aimed at ensuring that they had an Old Coulsdon connection.

4.6 Newsletter – report attached

Accepted without discussion in SC's absence

4.7 Security – no report

In LH's absence, the Chair led on this item and raised the issue of Police Panel reports. VY reported that these were readily available by email. The Chair also raised the attendance at Ward Panels as some of these appeared to encourage public attendance and other not. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that these meetings would be publicised in the newsletter together with contact details.

5. COUNCIL ISSUES and CROYDON AND COULSDON DEVELOPMENTS

CW reported on the following:

- ⌚ **Brick by Brick (BbB) Developments – Lion Green Car Park (LGCP), CALAT and the Coulsdon Community Centre (CCC).** CW outlined the BbB proposals for the three sites (Coulsdon Library had been removed from the list) and reported that the Trustees, as tenants of the CCC, would have a major role in deciding the future of these proposals. This is because their tenancy agreement requires the Council to provide like-for-like replacement premises and a major requirement of the Trustees is the capability to let out its premises to other groups. An issue with the LGCP housing development is the possibility of residents there using the public parking bays on the site. A meeting had been arranged of local stakeholders with the architects employed by the Council (AF to attend).

ACTION: AF

There was a brief discussion on the affordability aspects of the developments.

- ⌚ **Grange Park Bunds.** These had now been installed, later than the original date of July. The grass sown on them had improved their appearance. In response to a query by the Chair, CW replied that

something similar would not be installed around Bradmore Green although some residents might be in favour.

- ⌚ **Purley Oaks Travellers Site.** In response to the Chair's query about progress on this plan, CW reported that the plan had been passed by the Planning Inspector – however, implementation was likely to take several years.
- ⌚ **Local Plan.** The Planning Inspector had checked the draft and had crossed out many green areas as evidence of them meeting applicable criteria had not been provided. Coulsdon had not been affected but residents in many other areas of Croydon are strongly opposed to the decision.
- ⌚ **Grange Park User Survey.** This had indicated support for the following enhancements, in descending order: Facilities for 14+ exercise, a Perimeter Path, and provision for Ball Games. CW did not think that circuses in this Park were likely soon.
- ⌚ **The Pond.** There had been a big clearing session in September aided by valuable input from several employees of a company which had used it as a 'bonding session.' There would be another session on 4th November, this time involving members of the local ATC. The previous discussion on using fish to clear the weed had not lead to a solution and the nature of the plant made eradication difficult. NR drew attention to work done to clear the weed in Southend.
- ⌚ **Tollers Estate Bus.** There was a meeting scheduled for later that week to discuss ideas put forward by the Council. In a brief discussion, a major issue identified was the need to improve corners at junctions on the estate and to address the issue of parking. As the Mayor of London would not sanction any new bus routes, the only option available would be to extend an existing route.
- ⌚ **Memorial Rose Beds.** These were being renovated with the involvement of the local WI and Rotary Club. Ownership of the land involved has now been identified as the Council's Highways function, not its Parks as had been assumed.
- ⌚ **Farthing Downs Consultation.** This was being organised by the City of London and The Fox had been proposed as a venue for this activity.

6.0 CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Chair reported that OCRA had an allocation of 20 tickets and booking forms were in the autumn newsletter. There was a brief discussion about the venue and the set menu.

7.0 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chair reported that this would be held on 8th December and that wine had been purchased. When CJ asked for suggestions for the food, MC noted that the usual offering was well received. AF suggested a visit to Costco to investigate what it had to offer and the Chair proposed the addition of healthy fruit dishes.

ACTION: AF/CJ

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (including other reports & correspondence)

Christmas Lights. NR reported that CLOC had raised the funding required for the lights planned for this year. There would be some additional lights in both parades and lights would be bought rather than rented. Money was still being donated for the lights and local businesses had contributed. The Switch On ceremony would be held on Saturday, 25th November, between 4:30 and 6:30pm. Council permission had been obtained, at the charity rate, to close the top end of Court Avenue for the event and residents on the road had been surveyed. Plans are to have stalls, wine, burgers, etc., and possibly carol singing, for the large crowd expected. The Chair announced that she would be helping run the quiz at the fund-raising event.

Theatre Club. MB reported that theatre visits had been well supported and these included 53 members going to see An American in Paris. Tickets for the trips had sold out quickly.

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th November in the Heath Room at the Old Coulsdon Congregational Church.

The meeting closed at 09:35pm.

FINANCE REPORT-September 2017

Period January - September 2017

Period - September 2017

	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership Subscriptions	2,821.00		64.00	
Newsletter Adverts	1,761.75		120.00	
Amazon-website cont.	2.90		0.00	
Easyfundraising	0.00		0.00	
Donations	9.00		0.00	
Theatre Club	58.00		0.00	
Total Receipts		4,652.65		184.00
PAYMENTS				
Telephone	10.00		0.00	
Ink cartridges & IT	219.64		31.90	
General printing	50.00		0.00	
Postage	5.50		0.00	
Stationery	65.52		0.00	
Fuel	0.00		0.00	
Newsletters	1,702.00		0.00	
Subscriptions	90.00		20.00	
Donations	1,050.00		0.00	
AGM	46.65		0.00	
Road stewards party	215.69		0.00	
Village fair	94.00		0.00	
OCRA meetings hall hire	120.00		0.00	
OCRA summer party	67.50		0.00	
Xmas party	45.00		0.00	
Website	74.25		0.00	
Gifts	2.99		0.00	
Total Payments		3,858.74		51.90
Excess of payments		<u>-793.91</u>		<u>-132.10</u>

Nat West Current A/C at September 30th 2017 £9239.48

C Jewell 05/10/2017

Membership Report

- I have received returns from 43 road stewards so far. There are 14 yet to return and 3 rounds are currently not covered. These show 1375 out of 1790 households are members (77%).
- The next facing sheet for the newsletters will have a reminder for road stewards who have not yet collected, that their subscriptions are overdue.
- Another road steward has just left and as yet her round has not been leafleted. This makes a total of five rounds without road stewards. The two road stewards who have recently resigned have both collected their subscriptions, but neither are prepared to deliver their October newsletter. These are for 23 houses in Bradmore Way and 29 houses in the lower part of Taunton Lane and these will need to be delivered – any volunteers please?
- This means we are now 5 road stewards down. I have also been informed by Sally that Roy Billings, who collects Curling Close, is in hospital and is unlikely to return home. I will deliver his October newsletters.
- The paperwork for the October newsletters is ready.
- I wonder if it is worth putting a “can u help us” leaflet in the October issue of the October newsletter, as if there is no response they will not receive the “last newsletter” leaflet until February. In February all households receive a newsletter and there may be a change of occupancy in a house and the new owner might be willing to undertake the task. Discuss at meeting please.

Marion Clifford
8.10.2017

Planning Report

Well I have had no other notifications so it is either rather quiet or something is missing (possibly my intelligence). Anyway these are the ones Nigel has found recently, if I find any others I will add an addenda to this email later on.

I put in comments about 228 Coulsdon Road in line with the discussions at the meeting, previously.

There have been comments on Facebook regarding the land behind Caterham Drive up the Keston Path where the landowners have been doing tree felling. This has prompted me to ask if it is possible to find out who owns the land there after the recent auctions. Does the Committee have any other areas where a similar question could apply.

[Discharge of condition 23 \(archaeology\) attached to planning application 16/06400/FUL for the demolition of former care home. Erection of 1 three storey building comprising 5 one bedroom and 5 two bedroom flats. Erection of 6 two bedroom and 8 three bedroom houses. Formation of vehicular access and provision of associated car parking, landscaping and other associated works.](#)

Homefield House 57 Homefield Road Coulsdon CR5 1ET

Ref. No: 17/04858/DISC | Received: Tue 26 Sep 2017

Seriously this is interesting. Never knew there was a Homefield House before the current one, never knew Coulsdon Common was very old common land with serious history. On the basis of the report, the area scarcely warrants an archeological dig, though could there be history from the first house? What was that like? It was previously agricultural land..... Chris would possibly like to get out a metal detector in search of Roman Coins but sadly it does not seem like this is the most likely area to find something valuable.

[Retention of garden outbuilding.](#)

2 Cedar View Close Coulsdon Croydon CR5 1EZ

This building caused a lot of local trouble when it was built yet I have not heard from the neighbours round there for a while. I can't however see the council making an example and tearing it down (though I would like them to frankly) Apparently in the flesh it is an ugly building though I have not been able to see it myself but I will have a peek before the meeting.

Ref. No: 17/04849/HSE | Received: Mon 25 Sep 2017

Next, a tree pruning marathon is proposed (and knowing the council already approved) at 8 Canons Hill however these are all trees that do need periodic pruning, may look a bit stark round there when it is done but should recover.

[T1: Tillia Europaea - To crown raise to 6m. \(TPO no. 1, 1969\)](#)

8 Canon's Hill Coulsdon CR5 1HB

Ref. No: 17/04799/TRE | Received: Fri 22 Sep 2017

G1a: Mixed (in corner next to T20) - To remove all with red spots and treat stumps. T10: Lawson Cypress - To trim obstruction on drive. T11: Lawson Cypress - To trim obstruction on drive. T20: Common Hornbeam - Formative prune and crown raise to 1.5m. G21: Common Hornbeam group / Hedge plus new plantings - To remove all marked plus reduce remaining to fence height. To grind out stumps. T22: Cherry, Laurel Prunus - To reduce to fence height. T25: Ash leaf Maple - To grind out stump. T26: Wild Cherry - To remove lowest 3 branches. T29: Elder - To reduce crown height to 2m. T31: Holly - To trim. G32: Behind Yew Hedge, Hornbeam Stump - To remove. T33: Hornbeam stump (part of mixed hedge) To grind out. T34: Plum (part of a mixed hedge) To remove. To grind out stump. T39: Prunus - To remove. To grind out stump. G40: Beech Hedge - To hard trim 3 sides. G42: Hornbeam and Hawthorn mixed hedge - To remove all with red spots. To grind out stumps. T47: Yew - To trim all over. G48: Hazel - To remove. To grind out stumps. G49: Beech Group - To remove all with red spots (Leave Yew and reduce the hedge height) To grind out stumps. T52: Apple - Reduce - end weight reduction. T74: Yew in Court Yard - To reduce crown approximately 2ft off height and sides (to prune from bottom and work upwards - to discuss). T77: Cotoneaster - To remove and treat stump. T87: Goats Willow - To fell. To grind out stump. T89: Hazel - To remove / dig out. T99: Yew - To hard prune to achieve circular form. T109 and T110: Lila - To remove. To grind out stumps and suckers.

The Holt 8 Canon's Hill Coulsdon CR5 1HB

Ref. No: 17/04639/CAT | Received: Thu 14 Sep 2017

Michael Seabrook

7.10.2017

Publicity Report

- Diary Dates posters have been updated for Lacey Green and Tudor Parade noticeboards
- CLOC Quiz and Christmas Dinner posters have been produced and displayed on Lacey Green and Tudor Parade noticeboards
- Christmas Dinner poster pinned to top of Facebook page and added to TV display in Danny's Fish & Chips shop

Nigel Rea
6.10.2017

Website Report

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

The Blog is used to publish current issues. The items in August/September are:

- PPG Minutes
- SNT Newsletter
- Coulsdon Common Newsletter

Events - latest dates for 2017 added.

Planning - latest applications are under Planning - also added to Facebook - last one was 26th September.

Facebook - there are now 1,620 (1,557) members of the OCRA Group.

Nigel Rea
6.10.2017

Newsletter Report

The Autumn newsletter went to the Printer yesterday (5th October) and we can expect delivery by Friday 20th latest. I am away from 7th to 14th and, should there be a chance that the newsletter is ready in my absence, the printer has agreed to take delivery until my return.

Thank you to all who contributed articles and reports. This issue has a very “seasonal” content with all the Christmas activity and the very apt “Wine Column” (written by Nigel’s son-in-law).

It is sometimes difficult to find sufficient content but, for this issue, I had to précis some information to enable it to fit in. A much more pleasant task than scratching around for page fillers!!

Thank you to Nigel, Marion and Alan for proof reading.

The copy date for the Spring 2018 newsletter is 2nd February so there is plenty of time to come up with ideas for this issue.

Sally Cook
6.10.2017