

OLD COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held On Monday, 11th June 2018 at 8.00pm
At The Old Coulsdon Centre for the Retired.

Present:

Mike Blake	Adrian Fosberry	Michael Seabrook
Alan Clifford	Nicola Glover	Chris Wright
Marion Clifford	Brian Hudson	
Sally Cook	Nigel Rea (Chairman)	

Apologies:

Lee Honey	Caroline Jewell	Janet Stollery
Vic Young		

By invitation:

Cllr Margaret Bird

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Steve Hollands, Lee Honey, Caroline Jewell, Janet Stollery and apologies for lateness from Vic Young.

2. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 14th May 2018

Agreed, however Michael Blake asked if he could be referred to as MDB, to avoid confusion with Margaret Bird (MB)

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 she has had three people who have not renewed their membership as they have said that they can get all the information that they need on the Facebook page. People seem to assume that membership just includes the magazine. The newsletter does pay for itself though. It was suggested that we put an article on the Facebook Page titled 'What do I get for my £2?' The Facebook page does not however, include the magazine contents, just the cover.

4.3 Planning – Report attached.

- 86 Bradmore Way

MS advised that the new plans take up more space than the existing garage and will therefore be closer to the neighbours. The plans are similar in style to others in the street. The neighbours are not objecting and therefore if it is in keeping with the street and there are no objections, we do not need to interfere.

NR stated that it is a very sloping plot, BH asked if the neighbours have been advised and MB confirmed that only the immediate neighbours would have had letters.

NR also commented that there is a BT notice in Placehouse Lane advising the replacement of one pole.

4.4 Publicity – report attached

NR asked that this item be removed from future agendas as it can be covered in the website report.

4.5 Website – report attached.

NR advised that the Facebook membership is up by 80. BH asked if people remove themselves from the page when they move away etc.. and was advised that generally they don't so there can be a lot of inactive members. NR explained that Facebook have changed some things and we can now have more than one announcement at the top of the page rather than the one pinned post that was previously allowed; currently the Summer Fair and Keston Fete are the only announcements.

4.6 Newsletter

SC spoke about the speed of turnaround for the magazine, because we pay the printer promptly he can pay for things up front, so his turnaround can be faster. NR asked if help was still needed to batch the magazines for delivery to the Super-stewards and SC said that MC usually helps but will advise us if help is needed in future.

4.7 Security

We were advised that there was a moped robbery in Cane Hill.

4.8 Tollers

NG advised that a lot of hoarding has been put up on the estate, MB advised that it is for the site office. NG also noted that a couple of properties were raided on the estate by the police following a noxious substance attack, two people were arrested and a stun gun found, one person was released the same day, the other was held overnight.

5. COUNCIL ISSUES

MB started by addressing the issues raised in BH's email.

- Jubilee Way – MB reported that the contract is up for renewal soon.
- The drain in Placehouse Lane is being looked at.
- 268 Coulsdon Road is a probate sale, the owner has been written to and a Council officer will keep an eye on it.
- Coulsdon Common footpath – there is not enough usage to warrant the expense of cleaning it and many of the repairs the Council did to roads etc. pre-election is already cracking apart, a Facebook post has noted that they are not filling in potholes etc. correctly and therefore the repairs are not lasting very long.
- There have been discussions with the Council regarding the fish van parking on the yellow lines at the end of Canon's Hill, the owner currently has to arrive at 6.30am even though she doesn't open until 8.00am to try to find a parking spot. They have looked at parking outside the shops, but is limited to 1hr only. MB has approached the Tudor Rose and they have agreed in principle. The agreement with the fish van is still a work in progress.
- Tudor Rose - will be having cameras and a car registration system installed to stop commuters parking there all day. They have had complaints that lunchtime customers have been unable to park.

- Waste Collections – From September there will be a new waste collection system, the current landfill bin will become the plastic and tin bin, there will be an additional blue topped bin for paper and a new landfill bin, meaning that each house will have 3 bins rather than boxes.
- The Council will be delivering the bins from July to August. They will also now take batteries, which should be in an open bag beside the bin. There will be a public roadshow at Tesco Purley on 31/07/18 from 11.00-18.00.

(VY arrived) AF asked what the criteria will be for parking at the Tudor Rose once they get the cameras, MB will confirm. It was also asked about the impact of the commuter cars once they are removed the Tudor Rose, people are concerned about the 1hr parking, maybe 1hr meters are needed? Placehouse Lane also has issues with cars collecting students from the college.

SC asked about the car on the triangle at Court Avenue, there has been a notification that the car will be removed if not dealt with, but it is still dangerous when cars park on the triangle.

6. CROYDON AND COULSDON DEVELOPMENTS

AF stated that he used to have regular meetings with a Regeneration officer from the Council, they then became Brick by Brick and meetings stopped; we need to try to reinstate regular meetings with the Council again.

7. FIRST AID COURSES

NR advised that a defibrillator has been installed at the Congregational Church, a Mr Sheridan, who is a fire officer has offered to teach a first aid course on Saturday 16th June in the Guide Hut. JS wants to ask him if we can pay for extra courses. NG suggested that we approach the shop staff as they are more likely to be present to assist anyone in need and we could put little green crosses in the windows of shops where staff have been trained so that the public know where to go in an emergency. It was agreed that we will approach Mr Sheridan and see what we can do.

ACTION: NG/JS

8. ROTARY FAIR 2018

MS will not be available for the fair. NG is going to approach Absolutely Ballooney to see if they want to sponsor the balloons in exchange for advertising as Bookers and Costco do not have balloons at the moment. VY stated that he has the prizes sorted but we need to ask the organisers if there will be a guide dog stand as we do not want to compete with them. NG also stated that we need to be clear that we are raising money for them not OCRA.

ACTION: VY/NR

VY asked for some forms for people to fill out for the balloon count, it was also noted that we will need a 'What's On' page (A2) telling people about the different competitions. We will also need a rota for people to help on the stand, AF will email last years rota to NG and all should email NG with their availability.

ACTION: AF/SC

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

NR stated that the rules for GDPR do not apply to OCRA as we are a non-profit organisation and therefore exempt. We will need to amend the rules slightly at the next AGM to accommodate the changes.

ACTION: NG/NR

MC advised that we will need more road stewards' envelopes soon, SC has spoken to the printer. CJ has told MC we should order what we need. It was agreed that we should re-order the same size as before just with new wording.

ACTION: MC

It was also noted that at Kenley airfield the mortar is falling out of the new pens and there is now planning permission for new boards that look like Spitfire wings.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th July 2018 at the Heath Room, Old Coulsdon Congregational Church.

FINANCE REPORT-May 2018

Period January- May 2018

Period - May 2018

	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership Subscriptions	1,336.00		114.00	
Newsletter Adverts	1,466.25		733.50	
Donations	8.00		0.00	
Theatre Club Subscriptions	0.00		0.00	
Xmas party	0.00		0.00	
Total Receipts		2,810.25		847.50

PAYMENTS

Telephone	0.00		0.00	
Ink cartridges & IT	78.31		0.00	
General printing	0.00		0.00	
Postage	57.20		0.00	
Stationery	25.25		0.00	
Newsletters	882.00		0.00	
Subscriptions	70.00		0.00	
Donations	220.00		110.00	
AGM	6.92		0.00	
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	116.19		74.25	
Equipment	578.95		0.00	
Gifts	3.18		0.00	
Insurance	0.00		0.00	
WW1 funds	42.00		0.00	
Total Payments		2,508.00		184.25

Excess of receipts (Jan - April) 302.25

Excess of payments (April) -663.25

Nat West Current A/C at May 31st, 2018 £10,892.03

C Jewell 01/06/2018

Membership Report

I have had returns from 25 road stewards which shows, from those returns, a 75% membership.

The road steward's party was a great success. People stood and chatted instead of sitting down in their own little groups. Thank you to everybody who helped on the night. The food was great and much appreciated by the road stewards who made lovely comments about it. Thank you Caroline. Thank you also to all of you who donated raffle prizes for the free raffle.

We need to purchase some more envelopes for the road steward's use. I will discuss this at the meeting.

The newsletters have been distributed to the super stewards and hopefully delivered by the road stewards by now. Thank you Sally for bundling them in 20's and sorting them for the super stewards on your own as I was not around to help you this time.

I have had several calls for more newsletters. I base the number of newsletters on the final number of members who paid last year. If a road steward has collected by the time we order the newsletters I can update the figure. As I only have 25 returns most were based on their last year figure. This causes a problem as we only order an extra 50 and so far I have given out 18. Hopefully we will have enough. I don't know what the answer is. We really don't want to order a lot more newsletters that we are not going to use.

Marion Clifford

11.6.2018

Planning Report

No real issues with the more minor proposals, the one in Bradmore Way however merits some comments.

[Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out 4.3 metres with a maximum height of 3.3 metres](#)

66 Court Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1HE

Ref. No: 18/02812/GPDO | Received: Tue 05 Jun 2018

Erection of single storey side/rear extension

[11 Caterham Drive Coulsdon CR5 1JN](#)

Ref. No: 18/02701/HSE | Received: Wed 30 May 2018

Erection of single storey rear extension with hipped roof

[59 Keston Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1HP](#)

Ref. No: 18/02494/LP | Received: Thu 17 May 2018

[Demolition of garage: Erection of three/four bedroom two storey dwelling with accommodation at lower ground floor and associated parking.](#)

86 Bradmore Way Coulsdon CR5 1PB

Ref. No: 18/02380/FUL | Received: Fri 11 May 2018

As can be gathered from the description there is not a huge amount of room for this proposal and whilst beauty is in the eye of the beholder the new building is scarcely a looker.

So I will be proposing to the committee that we oppose this development on that basis but if there are any fans of this idea am happy to hear your thoughts

[Erection of garage extension, alterations to driveway access](#)

90 Taunton Lane Coulsdon CR5 1SF

Ref. No: 18/02395/HSE | Received: Fri 11 May 2018

[Demolition of garage/part dwelling and erection of a single storey side/rear extension](#)

5 Kerrill Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1QB

Ref. No: 18/02337/HSE | Received: Wed 09 May 2018

[Erection of single storey rear extension](#)

50 Court Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1HE

Ref. No: 18/02317/HSE | Received: Wed 09 May 2018

Michael Seabrook

10.6.2018

Publicity Report

- Diary Dates notice updated for Tudor Parade & Lacey Green noticeboards.

Nigel Rea

6.6.2018

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:

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

Planning - latest applications are under Planning - also added to Facebook - last one was 5th June.

Facebook - there are now 2,109 (2,074) members of the OCRA Group. 11 new members this week.

Nigel Rea

6.6.2018

Newsletter Report

As I am sure by now you are all aware that the newsletters were delivered early and collected promptly by Super Stewards - with the exception of Debbie's who should collect hers today.

Thanks again to all those who contributed and to Nigel and Marion for proof reading.

Sally Cook
11.6.2018

Security Report

Not much for this issue,

Recommendations finally gone in for changes to the Alleyway from Hillars Heath Road, Footbridge across the railway and the walkways to Station Approach Road. Seems TFL and Railtrack on board. Awaits the Safer Neighbourhood Team talking to London Borough Croydon around the cleaning and emptying of bins.

I had a conversation with Charlie King around getting ECRA involved in the naming of the walkways.

If recommendations are acted on it will require formation of a new friends group.

I met with the architect for the new development at Leaden Hill last week and discussed the possibility of them liaising with Croydon Council over installing infrastructure (Ducting) for CCTV on the walkways.

There was a nasty Robbery on Cane Hill the other night, Police have quite a bit of intel from local people and I think the fact that locals up there have invested in CCTV for their own properties has helped. I will speak to the SNT as soon as I can.

I'm currently looking into areas where the council may have needed to upgrade lighting spread as well as just changing from sodium to LED. BS EN5489: 2013 levels I believe should apply at the point of upgrade however I don't think it has been looked at fully. Not found any locally that appear problematic however if any spring up I will ask them to look at it.

I will look into options for security around the new Defibrillator for the rotary club to see how others secure them. At the moment this can just be taken quite easily and I wonder how long before someone realises and it ends up on eBay.

Lee Honey
13.6.2018