

OLD COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JUNE 2017
at the Old Coulsdon Centre for the Retired

Present:

Janet Stollery (Chairman)	Adrian Fosberry
Mike Blake	Nigel Rea
Alan Clifford	Vic Young
Marion Clifford	<i>By Invitation:</i>
Sally Cook	CLr Chris Wright

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Caroline Jewell, Michael Seabrook, Brian Hudson and Lee Honey.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 8th May 2017

These were agreed.

AF thanked the Chairman for circulating the minutes in his absence.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

The Sign. The Chairman reported thanking Andrew Cameron, City of London, for erecting the sign. MB suggested that the work was still to be finished and that there was no evidence of the use of bitumen and the shaping of the post, as specified. He also asked if the Council has taken on the liability insurance for The Sign, an action also supported by VY. SC suggested the addition of a plaque below The Sign, which could be viewed as a 'tombstone', saying that OCRA was still active – this was agreed. MB added that a white background attached to The Sign would be helpful as the trees behind it provided a dark background but VY felt this was not possible because of the special finish of the sign.

ACTION: MB

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Finance – report attached.

In CJ's absence, the Chairman presented this report.

The Chairman reported that the online banking account had been activated but that it was not operating as required. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would report the issue to the bank manager and have it resolved. MC reported that two road stewards had paid in their membership subscription collections online. SC added that the latest newsletter printing invoice was awaited.

4.2 Membership and Recruitment – report attached.

MC added that the Road Stewards' party had went well – there were many new faces and a lot of mixing and talking. MC sadly reported the death of a road steward and the offer of her husband to complete her duties in remembrance.

MC requested the purchase of a new printer for her duties. This was agreed and NR offered advice on a suitable model with good reviews.

ACTION: MC

4.3 Planning – Report attached.

In MS's absence, the Chairman led on this item.

- 2A Court Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1HF. The application has changed and neighbours may be happier.
- 19 Rossetti Gardens Coulsdon CR5 2LR. OK.

- 55 Stoneyfield Road Coulsdon CR5 2HQ. OK. Planning letters for circulation by BH.
- 88A Bradmore Way Coulsdon CR5 1PB. OK.
- 2 Benham Close Coulsdon CR5 1JB. OK.
- 131 Tollers Lane Coulsdon CR5 1BG. No comment.
- 55 Marlpit Lane Coulsdon CR5 2HF. No comment.
- 19 Shirley Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1QZ. No comment.
- 2 Caterham Drive Coulsdon CR5 1JD. OK.

76 Keston Avenue. There was a new application for this site. The Chairman would object on behalf of OCRA on the grounds of flooding risk, over-development and traffic impact, and publicise it on OCRA Facebook.

4.4 Publicity – report attached

NR recommended the use of larger A4 sized posters on the message boards for greater impact. There was a brief discussion in which the possibly greater appeal of notices in shopfronts was raised. CW announced that he had a key to the Grange Park message board if needed.

4.5 Website – report attached.

NR reported that everything had now been done in changing to the new website design. There had not yet been much response from users and the new platform does not provide user statistics. The Events page, Planning Applications and Blog are updated regularly.

The Chairman reported that the Kenley Airfield Friends Group AGM would be held on Wednesday 21 June at 7.30 in the Portcullis Club.

4.6 Newsletter – report attached

SC drew attention to the copy date for the next newsletter – 22nd September – which would allow related discussion at the September OCRA committee meeting.

SC reported the problem of obtaining sufficient articles of interest for each newsletter. In the discussion which followed, several subjects were suggested: MG motor racing by VY; images of Old Coulsdon – possibly from the Bourne Society; local flooding and the impact of developments in Caterham; gardening by David Ford; the 1911 census; adjoining localities; and wines.

5.0 COUNCIL ISSUES

CW reported on the following issues which generated discussion:

- ⌚ **20 MPH limit.** This had been recently passed by the Scrutiny Committee but may be subject to a legal challenge.
- ⌚ **BrickbyBrick.** The planning and consultation process continues with a high level of anger evident at public meetings. The Chairman reported the Tollers Estate residents' complaints about parking. CW added that many of the developments were two-bedroom family units aimed at young families. Development on existing estates was easier as the Council already owned the land.
- ⌚ **Homefield House.** There had been rumours of youths living in the old buildings. Police and Council security staff had investigated, or tried to as on two occasions the keys had not been available. After breaking in, the police found nobody and the buildings have now been boarded up. However, CW has seen kids going in. The neighbours are objecting to the planning application.

- ⌚ **The Pavilion at Grange Park.** CW is trying to establish what internal work is needed but it appears the Council do not want it used as it would not be able to charge for the use of the football pitches. However, £3,500 has recently been spent on painting the exterior. There has been interest expressed in running a café in the building. Installation of a CCTV system is not being progressed, not being helped by changes in the Council staff involved.
- ⌚ **The Local Plan.** The Inspector's hearings involved 22 sessions over three weeks. CW raised the issues of flooding and transport and was awaiting the outcome, with feedback expected at the end of July. There would then be further consultation with the overall process taking another year. The Chairman asked about the impact of the new developments on local children entering local schools like Keston Primary – CW responded that the Council answer was: 'there are other facilities available.'

6.0 CROYDON AND COULSDON DEVELOPMENTS

The following issue was raised:

Cane Hill development. The Chairman drew attention to the plans to improve the Lion Green Road/Chipstead Valley Road junction. This was a planning condition for the Cane Hill development and it had been nodded through by the Council although the work was unlikely to be completed within three months. This brought into question the value of planning conditions generally and the value of putting in an objection.

7.0 ROAD STEWARDS' PARTY REVIEW

Discussed in 4.2 above.

There was the added comment that a younger attendance helped make it a success.

8.0 OLD COULSDON ROTARY FAIR – Saturday, 1/07/2017

- The need for a rota for the day was raised – AF resaid that he had been asked to produce one at the last meeting. [*To be circulated with the minutes.*]
ACTION: AF
- The Chairman asked for a 10:00am start on site and said she would deliver a gazebo and chairs.
- MC suggested displaying information on what OCRA did. This led to a discussion which resulted in a decision to base the list on a summary of the information leaflet, print it on large sheets and place them on display panels. It was recognised that time was short. NR would pass the leaflet information to SC. It was thought that MS might have the display panels in his storage.
ACTION: NR/SC
- It was agreed that 30 copies of the latest leaflet would be prepared for the Fair.
ACTION: SC
- The Chairman announced that the Caterham Drive Flood Action group would be sharing some space with OCRA. They had leaflets which had been well received at the Caterham Fair.
- MC suggested the adoption of printed OCRA T-shirts. The use of these, or better still, tabards, was agreed but for next year - there was insufficient time obtain them this year.
- AF reported that he had the OCRA banner and would pass it on as he would be on holiday.
ACTION: AF
- It was also suggested that the OCRA equipment inventory, held by NR, be updated after the Fair.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (including other reports & correspondence)

- **Data Projector.** The Chairman's proposal to purchase a data projector for OCRA use was agreed. The make was Epson and the price quoted was £399. The identification of a suitable table for the projector was also agreed.

ACTION: JS

- **Laptop.** The possibility of purchasing a laptop for OCRA was briefly discussed and rejected. The Chairman suggested using her laptop.
- **Out-of-area refunds.** The Chairman asked if these had been made to members in the Tollers Estate – MB replied that they had not been and agreed to do.

ACTION: MB

- **Tollers Estate leafleting.** The Chairman reported that some residents on the estate had volunteered to undertake a leaflet drop for OCRA membership after Christmas.
- **Aldi car park queues.** AF reported seeing a lengthy queue stretching to Waitrose a few days earlier. CW responded that Steve O’Connell, Cllr and GLA Member, was handling the issue.
- **Theatre Club.** MB reported that 73 members had travelled to Canterbury to see ‘Running Wild’ and rated it very good.
- **Crime.** CW reported that St John’s had been broken into the previous night.
- **Kenley Airfield.** There will be a Sky Heroes event at Kenley Airfield on 10th September. MC also drew attention to the restoration work at the airfield and the findings on the construction of the blast pens.
- **Kenley Airfield Walk.** MC reported that Alan Morgan, Friends of Kenley Airfield Friends Group, had offered to undertake a tour of the site on a date to be arranged on a Sunday in July or August. This was to replace the cancelled tour. Those interested to provide available dates.

ACTION: Those interested

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th July 2017 at the Old Coulsdon Congregational Church

The meeting closed at 10:05pm.

FINANCE REPORT- May 2017

Period January - May 2017

Period - May 2017

	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership Subscriptions	1,755.00		438.00	
Newsletter Adverts	1,499.25		1,036.75	
Amazon-website cont.	2.90		0.00	
Easyfundraising	0.00		0.00	
Donations	9.00		9.00	
Total Receipts		3,266.15		1,483.75
PAYMENTS				
Telephone	10.00		0.00	
Ink cartridges & IT	67.98		39.00	
Postage	5.50		0.00	
Stationery	61.52		2.50	
Fuel	0.00		0.00	
Newsletters	882.00		0.00	
Subscriptions	70.00		0.00	
Donations	50.00		0.00	
AGM	46.65		0.00	
Road stewards party	45.00		0.00	
Village fair	94.00		0.00	
OCRA meetings hall hire	120.00		0.00	
OCRA summer party	67.50		67.50	
Xmas party	45.00		0.00	
Website	74.25		74.25	
Gifts	2.99		0.00	
Total Payments		1,642.39		183.25
Excess of payments		-1,623.76		-1,300.50

Nat West Current A/C at May 31st, 2017, £10116.83

C Jewell
09/06/2017

Membership Report

- I have received returns from 23 road stewards so far. These show 778 out of 1104 households are members (70%).
- Re: - Mike Carrigan's round, he only collected 12 subscriptions but he usually collects 30. I assume he has now moved as I have been unable to reach him by telephone to ask why only 12. I will endeavour to collect the other 18 at some point. A can you help us letter will be included in his newsletters, which Brian Hudson and Joan Buckley have offered to deliver and I thank them for that.
- The road stewards' party is on Friday June 9th and 35 people are attending. I will report back on this at the committee meeting.
- Alan and I will be away from 17th to 24th June. Sally has once again agreed to hold the OCRA phone whilst I am away, thank you Sally.
- Finally when I agreed to continue as membership secretary Janet gave me one of her old printers. The printer is rather large and I have to store it upstairs and carry it up and downstairs every time I need to use it. It is very heavy and cumbersome to lug up and downstairs and I am frightened of tripping with it. As we are looking at purchasing a projector etc., which will cost a large sum of money, please may I purchase a small printer, USB lead and ink cartridges, which will cost £49-36?

(Printer £29-99 + Cartridges £16-88 + USB £2-49 = £49-36).

Marion Clifford
8.6.2017

Epson Expression Home XP-335



Currently in Ryman's ½ price sale for £29-99

[4 Compatible Printer Ink Cartridges for Epson Expression Home XP-335 - Multipack](#)



£11-89 +£4-99 p&p = £16-88

USB Printer Cable Lead Cord for Epson Expression Home XP-335



£2.49

Total cost --- Printer £29-99 + Cartridges £16-88 + USB £2-49 = £49-36

Planning Report

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.

Alterations, Demolition of existing front single storey section and erection of single storey front / side and rear extensions and extensions to existing roof

2A Court Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1HF

Ref. No: 17/02739/FUL | Received: Tue 30 May 2017

T1) To crown reduce a mature Horse Chestnut (T1) located in the rear garden by approximately 2 meters. (TPO no. 34, 1991)

19 Rossetti Gardens Coulsdon CR5 2LR

Ref. No: 17/02485/TRE | Received: Wed 17 May 2017

One would not want to be a mature Horse Chestnut Tree in Gardens of Rossetti....

Erection of single/two storey side/rear extension

55 Stoneyfield Road Coulsdon CR5 2HQ

Ref. No: 17/02262/HSE | Received: Thu 04 May 2017

Looks ok as a plan though drawings could be more indicative of what it is.

T1) Crown reduce mature Cherry by approximately 1.5m. T2) To crown reduce mature by approximately 2.0m. T3) fell mature Sycamore located in the middle of the garden. (TPO 13, 1980)

88A Bradmore Way Coulsdon CR5 1PB

Ref. No: 17/02204/TRE | Received: Tue 02 May 2017

Erection of single storey rear extension

2 Benham Close Coulsdon CR5 1JB

Ref. No: 17/02158/LP | Received: Thu 27 Apr 2017

Erection of single storey side/rear extension (without compliance with condition 1 - built in accordance with approved plans - attached to planning permission 16/05857/hse)

131 Tollers Lane Coulsdon CR5 1BG

Ref. No: 17/02079/CONR | Received: Mon 24 Apr 2017 | Validated: Wed 26 Apr 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

In addition to this, I have objected to Barratts request to discharge their responsibility in respect of the road changes to be made by the Coulsdon Post Office, before commencing the construction of more than 137 houses on Cane Hill, which was agreed, and all the other RAs agreed, should stay as a condition.

Decision already posted 2nd May and is a no – I wonder if you keep asking do you eventually get a yes?

Publicity Report

The Monthly Mail for June has been drafted for Chairman to issue - it will be added to Facebook and the OCRA website after a week.

Nigel Rea
6.6.2017

Website Report

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

The **Blog** is used to publish current issues. They are in date order but can be displayed by Category. The items in May/June are:

- Petrol Prices
- OCRAtrade
- Coulsdon Common Newsletter
- School Holiday Dates
- Southern Timetable changes
- Late Night Trains from Victoria
- Police Alert
- Waste Collection
- Old Coulsdon Village Fair

Events - latest dates for 2017 added.

Planning - latest applications are under Planning - also added to Facebook - last one was 30th May.

Website Usage - no stats available from Wix.com.

Facebook - there are now 1,439 (1,396) members of the OCRA Group.

Nigel Rea
6.6.2017

Newsletter Report

The newsletters were delivered on Tuesday 6th June, a week earlier than expected. This allowed them to be sorted in readiness for collection by the Super Stewards for delivery to the Road Stewards.

Thank you to Deanna Mollard for coming over at the “drop of a hat” to help sort them into batches of 20. Thanks also go to Marion who came round with her efficiently prepared paperwork which made very short work of allocating the correct number of newsletters, clearly labelled for the Super Stewards.

When approaching the newsletter copy date, it is always a worry that there will not be enough content and I will be desperately searching for articles to fill a couple of blank pages. This issue was no exception and I found it particularly hard to try to find enough to finish the job. With two pages to fill, Nigel, Marion and Lee came to the rescue – thank you!

Going forward, to ensure that we produce a newsletter that is both informative and interesting, I think there needs to be greater input, possibly at Committee Meetings, well in advance of the copy date. It would also be useful if ideas could be put forward, which are not time critical, to put in reserve for future issues.

I do appreciate the articles and regular reports that are provided but finally, could I ask you to put your thinking caps on and come up with some new, innovative ideas for the Autumn issue – copy date is 22nd September.

Sally Cook
9.6.2017

OLD COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Committee Meeting on Monday, 12th June 2017
8.00pm at the Old Coulsdon Centre for the Retired

AGENDA

- ⌚ Apologies
- ⌚ Minutes of 8th May 2017 Committee Meeting for accuracy
- ⌚ Matters arising not covered below
- ⌚ Reports:
 - (Please send your report to the Committee and Chris Wright by e-mail asap)
 - 4.1 Finance
 - 4.2 Membership & Recruitment
 - 4.3 Planning
 - 4.4 Publicity
 - 4.5 Website
 - 4.6 Newsletter
- ⌚ Council Issues
- ⌚ Croydon and Coulsdon developments
- ⌚ Road Stewards' Party Review
- ⌚ Old Coulsdon Rotary Fair – Saturday, 1/07/2017
- ⌚ Any Other Business (including other reports & correspondence)
- ⌚ Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 10th July 2017 in the Heath Room, Old Coulsdon Congregational Church