

OLD COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017

In the Heath Room, the Old Coulsdon Congregational Church

Present:

Janet Stollery (Chairman)
Mike Blake
Alan Clifford
Marion Clifford
Sally Cook

Brian Hudson
Caroline Jewell
Nigel Rea
Michael Seabrook
Vic Young

By Invitation:
Cllr Chris Wright

There was no appointed minute taker so MS agreed to take minutes and confer with the Chair before issuing to the Committee.

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Lee Honey and Adrian Fosberry.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 12th June 2017

Attention was drawn to some typos and the minutes were then agreed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

There was not a possibility of varying the requirement for two signatures for the Bank so a process whereby two of the signatories initial the statements will be implemented.

Sheila Buchanan had paid amounts via Bank Transfer but not supplied the sheets to support the amounts sent in. It was agreed that we must make sure people give the sheets in to either Caroline or the Chairman.

Out of area refunds to the two people on Tollers Estate who had paid £5 were done.

It was agreed to add a "Security Report" to the agenda for Lee Honey to deliver in future meetings.

There was a discussion about how effective the OCRA new poster was and a suggestion the colours and set up could become the OCRA identity.

Caroline agreed to take the OCRA phone during Alan and Marion's absence.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Finance – report attached.

4.2 Membership and Recruitment – report attached.

4.3 Planning – report attached.

MS raised a new issue before drawing attention his report

A few minutes before the meeting a Facebook post showed that land was for sale by auction behind Dollypers Hill and a second lot towards Kenley aerodrome. The writer was communicating with concerned residents during the meeting especially as there was concern this could be easily built upon. (To update this after the meeting it was confirmed 1) this is not part of the Croydon Plan 2) Agricultural land has a 30 year over age which means 30 years 3) The sale was because of a bereavement, not to discharge due to "flood control issues" as questioned by a local to the area. The land was sold to someone who just owns it as an investment)

In addition an issue was raised regarding a "Shed" in Caterham Drive by the path that starts at Keston Avenue. MS was to investigate this and Margaret Bird was also going to have a look at this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

[Demolition of existing single storey rear addition and construction of single storey rear and side extension and single storey detached outbuilding](#)

10 Weston Close Coulsdon CR5 1BX

Ref. No: 17/03329/HSE| Received: Mon 03 Jul 2017

A large shed at the bottom of the garden and rear extension – it's a bit greedy, not sure if anybody thinks the size of "shed" is too big for the garden it is in. Could I have a volunteer to do letters for this one please?

[6x Ash trees in woodland - fell](#)

Land at the end of Canon's Hill Coulsdon

Ref. No: 17/02936/CAT | Received: Fri 09 Jun 2017

Apparently these are already earmarked to be cut down. Chris W was not happy and I'm sure will explain more. We always find out about trees when they are either down or about to be down. I think this isn't a fair and reasonable way for a council to behave actually. Nobody minds the odd branch, but when we are about to lose 95% of our ash trees, to disease we should not be felling those left in case they are one of the 5% who are disease resistant.

A frank exchange of views was had between those who felt with the concerns over Ash dieback that the trees should be cut down (to improve reception) and MS who felt there should be more consultation, basically the Council cuts trees down before we even get to see the entries on the planning website

[Erection of single storey rear extension](#)

126 Coulsdon Road Coulsdon CR5 2LE

Ref. No: 17/02833/LP| Received: Mon 05 Jun 2017

I didn't have an issue with this one

[Demolition of no 76: erection of 3 two storey three bedroom detached houses at rear and 1 two storey four bedroom detached house at the front with accommodation in roofspace: formation of access road and provision of associated parking](#)

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

Ref. No: 17/02545/FUL| Received: Fri 19 May 2017

We have a proposal for 3 detached houses at the back (like the ones further down the hill) and one 4 bedroom detached by the road. Does not address any of the other difficulties with the idea. I'm putting forward the same objections otherwise.

The Committee unanimously objected to this idea

4.4 Publicity – report attached.

The monthly newsletter was not issued as there is very little to say at the moment.

4.5 Website – report attached.

4.6 Newsletter – report attached

SC was starting on the August newsletter. Deadline for publication towards the end of September. The Chairman said she was going to see what was happening about the Christmas Dinner so this can go into the Autumn Newsletter.

Action: Chairman

5.0 COUNCIL ISSUES and 6.0 COULSDON & CROYDON DEVELOPMENTS

CW reported that the ward boundaries meant there would be two councillors for Old Coulsdon but that the boundary would go down Marlpit Lane as far as the Memorial Park out of the OCRA area, this was because the wards needed to be of a similar total number of people (4,028 per councillor) – there are now 28 wards. Coulsdon for example now overlaps into where Purley is.

There had been a tremendous response after the Fair regarding whether there should be a path or other features in Grange Park. Over 300 responses so far.

Homefield House – persons had been seen visiting and “taking notes” - thought to be senior management

7.0 REVIEW OF THE FAIR

It was thought that we needed “something more” next year. MS said we needed a “come and talk to us” banner. Having Julie from the Flood group was a help and many people were interested in her presentation about flood. Another suggestion was to link up with the Facebook group have photos etc. It was agreed we needed a rethink in January 2018, so we have time to organise anything we might need for July.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Diane Hearne has resigned from being the HADRA Chair and is being replaced for one year by John Clarke.

The Southern RAs had a meeting with Paul Young, Ros Spinks and Rachael Colley (the new person in charge of Urgent Care on a day to day basis). The meeting was to try to fix the problems that have emerged because the CCCG did not consult the RAs before the new contract started and there have been huge communication/GP and other website/signage problems, as well as the ongoing battle on using the X-ray facilities at Purley. They took on board our comments and are trying to make amends.

Christmas Lights. With one exception, the committee agreed to give a further £1000 for the Christmas lights, making a total donation of £1,500. Last year the Lacey Green lights were rented so the plan was to buy them this year (they last about 5 years if bought).

Kenley Aerodrome has an archaeological dig on 22nd/ 23rd August.

CW reported on the continued problems with the pond and the "crassula". MS suggested Grass Carp again as one natural way of controlling and was to report back on this.

There will be no meeting in August, the next one is 10 September in the Heath Room at the Congregational Church.

The Chairman thanked MS for stepping in to minute the meeting at short notice.

Period January - June 2017**Period - June 2017**

	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership Subscriptions	2,039.00		284.00	
Newsletter Adverts	1,641.75		142.50	
Amazon-website cont.	2.90		0.00	
Easyfundraising	0.00		0.00	
Donations	9.00		0.00	
Theatre club	58.00		58.00	
Total Receipts		3,750.65		484.50
PAYMENTS				
Telephone	10.00		0.00	
Ink cartridges & IT	67.98		0.00	
Postage	5.50		0.00	
Stationery	65.52		4.00	
Fuel	0.00		0.00	
Newsletters	1,702.00		820.00	
Subscriptions	70.00		0.00	
Donations	50.00		0.00	
AGM	46.65		0.00	
Road stewards party	134.61		89.61	
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		2,556.00		913.61
Excess of payments		-1,194.65		429.11

Nat West Current A/C at June 30th, 2017, £10533.83

C Jewell 05/07/2017

PUBLICITY REPORT

- No Monthly Mail has been produced for July. It has become increasingly difficult to find any real 'news' to write about. Suggest that future editions are produced when we have something to communicate.
- Diary Dates posters have been updated for Lacey Green and Tudor Parade noticeboards - the latter will be displayed when Tony Sales of Rotary returns from holiday.
- Village Fair poster has been removed from Lacey Green noticeboard.

Nigel Rea
8.7.2017

WEBSITE REPORT

The website is at <https://www.theocra.org.uk/>. A new Menu heading has been added for OCRAtrade as people have had difficulty finding it on the Blog.

The Blog is used to publish current issues. The items in June/July are:

- Petrol Prices
- Coulsdon Common Newsletter
- SNT Newsletter
- PPG Newsletter
- Road Works
- School Holiday Dates
- Southern Timetable changes
- Late Night Trains from Victoria
- Police Alert
- Waste Collection

Events - latest dates for 2017 added.

Planning - latest applications are under Planning - also added to Facebook - last one was 6th July.

Facebook - there are now 1,475 (1,439) members of the OCRA Group.

Nigel Rea
8.7.2017

NEWSLETTER REPORT

No report as such .Just a reminder that copy date for the Autumn newsletter is 24th September.

Sally Cook
8.7.2017

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**Committee Meeting on Monday, 10th July 2017
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AGENDA

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of 8th May 2017 Committee Meeting for accuracy
 3. Matters arising not covered below
 4. 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
 5. Council Issues
 6. Croydon and Coulsdon developments
 7. Old Coulsdon Rotary Fair review
 8. Any Other Business (including other reports & correspondence)
- 🕒 Date of Next Meeting