



WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY
Kingswood Residents Association

KRA Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 15th March 2016

1. Apologies

- Berni Jackson, PCSO Bradley Clarke, Dorothy Thornhill, Mr and Mrs Coldicott

2. Minutes of the previous year's AGM

- Minutes of last year's AGM agreed.
- Proposed Antony Kelly, seconded Moira Murray

3. Matters arising

- No matters arising.

4. Chair's Report

- Thanks to everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Another successful year for the KRA. Lots of great trips and donations to local causes. Thanks to the Committee for their hard work over the last year.
- Sorry to be losing Glen as Editor and Mel as Vice Chair but they will both continue in their role as Street Rep. John thanked them for all their work in their Officer's role.

5. Vice Chair's Report

- Nothing to report.

6. Secretary's Report

- The KRA Constitution has had a major update this year.

7. Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts

- The annual accounts were circulated. Membership numbers are down slightly, advertisers have increased and Lucky House Draw numbers are almost the same. The query raised during last year's AGM about the Senior Citizens Party raffle was explained as the money related to the different budget years. The KRA have received donations which have helped with costings this year.
- Officers are looking at agreeing an annual budget subsidy for trips.
- A query was raised regarding advertising costs deducted on the accounts. It was explained that invoices for advertisers went out at the end of the year however income had not been received. This will show on next year's budget. Agreement of the accounts was proposed by Andy Odywiecki and seconded by Pat Gascoyne.

8. Social Secretary's Report

- Thanks to everyone who attended the events last year. All the trips went well and were helped by great weather!
- Pat detailed the trips and events planned for the coming year including Saville Gardens trip in May, Heaver Castle in July, the Children's Outing in August and the Kids Christmas Party in December. Details of all events will be published in the newsletter.
- Thanks also to everyone who helps out at the trips and events too.

9. Fundraising Secretary's Report

- Thanks to Street Reps for hard work. There have been a number of changes of Street Reps over the year and thanks to those who have offered to take over the roles.
- We still need a Street Rep for part of Greenwood Drive and Briar Road. If anyone is interested, please let Sam know. Next month, the Street Reps will be collecting Membership Subs and this will remain at £3.

10. Editor's Report

- It has been another successful year for the newsletter with many notable items. Thanks to all the contributors – please keep sending in items.
- Glen is stepping down after 5 years as Editor but another resident has offered to take over.

- Glen was thanked for all his hard work over the years.

11. Website/Planning Manager's Report

- It was noted that Ken played an important role in setting up the KRA, has continued to serve on the committee in a number of roles and was thanked for his continual involvement.
- It had been a quiet year for planning with the application in Briar Road turned down and the flats on the corner of Fern Way and Greenwood not causing problems. Website going well too.

12. Dissolution of existing Committee/Sub-committee's and election of new Committee

- The current committee was dissolved.
- Apart from Glen stepping down as Editor and Mel as Vice Chair, everyone else was re-elected to their previous role.
- Anthony Kelly offered to take over as Vice Chair and Jo Corcoran as Editor. This was proposed by Glen Price and seconded by Roger Hill.

13. Break for Tea and Biscuits

14. Any Other Business/Open Forum/Prize Draw

- The winners of the £50 prize were the following families: Roberts – North Approach, Gascoynes – Ellwood Gardens and Munns – Fern Way.
- Derek Scudder detailed the plans to resurface part of Briar Road from his locality budget. It was noted that there are many other areas that could do with resurfacing but the County Council do not have any budget to carry out the works and are therefore only filling pot holes.
- A speed survey has been conducted on the estate and it has been agreed that the Kingswood Estate should be a 20mph zone. This process takes a long time to instigate but should be done by this time next year.
- The County Council are introducing speed detection devices and one has been obtained for the Kingswood. This will soon be installed on North Approach near the school and is able to be pointed in either direction.
- A query was raised by a resident of Appletree Walk about the bad state of the road near Sheepcot Lane and the speed humps. This has caused damage to his tyres and wanted to know why County Council money is not spent in our area. It was agreed that money should be devoted to this, however, only a small portion of the business rates paid to the Government come back. Watford is one of the biggest towns in the County and it is felt it is not getting a proportionate amount. The Councillors are battling to get as much money as they can, however, other towns in county are in similar state.
- It was noted that Tim Williams regularly attends the KRA meetings and deals with issues frequently.
- There was a discussion about the Government's efficiency saving consultation on pharmacies. Girish from Chemilab thanked everyone who had signed the petition. The KRA Facebook page provides a link to more information and Keith Crout is approaching our MP Richard Harrington about this issue.
- The local schools are planning a Summer Fete with involvement from KRA. Please come along and support this event.
- It had been reported that the water pipe replacement work on the estate is causing problems, however, Tim and John visited area last week but all work seemed to be in order.
- It was noted that at times, the local police cover is inadequate. This was highlighted during the recent spate of vans being broken into. The KRA have written to Police Commissioner but have not received a reply. Resident are concerned that if a major incident occurred in Watford, would there be enough police to deal.
- A query was raised about the plans for the Baptist church. The hall currently being used for storage by New Hope Trust. No decision has been made about the church or the vicarage. It is being sold by the Charities Commission. Caroline Walmsley has already suggested that School Planning look into purchasing it due to increasing need for school places and its location adjacent to the school.
- A query was raised about the church being a polling station. It was confirmed that the church will be used for upcoming elections this year but it is unsure what will happen after this. It was also suggested that the church could be purchased for community use but no money is available for this.
- A query was raised about the sale of North Watford Police Station. It was confirmed that Watford Community Housing Trust have submitted a planning application prior to purchase.

15. Close of meeting - 8.35pm.