

Wimbledon Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the WPRA held at 8.00 p.m. on 24th October 2013 at St. Austin's Hall, Church of Christ the King, The Crescent.

Committee:	Iain Simpson (Chair)	Andrew Dalton	Ivan Scott (Minutes)
	Kathy Blackburn	Beate Eberhardt	Michael Moore
	Nigel Israel	Peter West	
Ex Officio:	Cllr Oonagh Moulton		
Apologies:	Ken Ball	Elaine Sandon	Paresh Modasia
	Cllr Janice Howard	Cllr Linda Taylor	DeNica Fairman
In Attendance:	Jill Farmer	PC Leanne Evans	PCSO Brett Lavey

13/1 Minutes of the AGM dated 18th October 2012

The Minutes of the 2012 AGM were approved without comment.

13/2 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2012 AGM

a) Vineyard Hill Surgery

There is no change to the running of the surgery which is carrying on as normal.

b) Kenilworth Green

The site is in a much better condition. The LBM team in charge is doing a good job and more planting will be done. However, the smokers and drinkers do continue to cause a problem.

13/2 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer pointed two items from the accounts, 'Closure of unused bank accounts' and 'consultancy work for café design'. One question related to the meaning of WURA (Wimbledon Union of Residents' Associations). The Accounts were approved by the Meeting. Kathy was thanked for her work in obtaining advertisers for the newsletter.

13/3 Front Garden Awards

Jill Farmer said there was a reduction in the number of attractive gardens this year. She expressed thank to the 22 judges who were required for the judging throughout the area, and the 3 judges for the final. Photos of the winners were posted on the display board. The prizes were presented by Jill Farmer. The winners were:-

Overall winner of the John Uden Cup and Best Summer Interest Garden – 25 Stroud Road.

Best Environmentally Sustainable Garden
Best All year interest

21 Dawlish Avenue
108 Melrose Avenue

13/4 Criminal Activity

PC Leanne Evans and PCSO Brett Lavey from the SNT addressed the Meeting. The crime figures have improved in 9 of the last 12 months. The worst crime is vehicle crime, especially the stealing of satnav equipment, despite owners being warned that their equipment was on display. The most notable crime is burglary, especially in the big development in Plough Lane. CCTV was watched, schools and the press contacted and 7 persons were charged. The Policing model and the local policing teams were explained and how they were used. The use of 999 and 101 was also explained where, as examples, 999 would be used for threatening behaviour and 101 if a crime happened say, two days ago. Also explained were the e-mails from the Borough Commander and how these were used. It was questioned what impact the return of football to the area would make but it was noted that the SNT was not in existence at that time.

13/5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman raised a number of issues and other persons were asked to talk to the Meeting.

a) Wimbledon Park Hall

The timetable for the completion of the hall had fallen back from September to after Christmas in December. The Company, limited by guarantee, Wimbledon Park Community Trust, had been formed and we will soon register as a charity. The Board are Cllr Linda Taylor, Iain Simpson, Paresh Modasia, Nigel Israel, David Watkins (who is giving excellent assistance in overseeing the building work), Ivan Scott and Shaukat Hussein. We are awaiting the Council to give us a head lease. Our charges will be approx. £30/hour during the week and £35/hour at weekends, with less for regular users. We are optimistic in the numbers who will hire. A third party will be required to run the café. We have talked to locals, none of whom seem interested, and South Thames College for use by trainees. No provision has been made for parking. Regarding finance, all Resident Association funds are available. These could be paid back in the future. The hall must be self-supporting, pay a peppercorn rent, pay 80% rates. The Council will fit out the café, kitchen and hall. Flats could be bought for occupation or rent. There were questions on the use of the hall and costs, whether local cafes could be affected, although these had been invited to work in the hall.

b) Wimbledon Park Car Park

The application to extend the Revelstoke Road temporary car park to permanent met with a huge response and was amended twice. The Friends of Wimbledon Park were instrumental in opposing the application, which was rejected by the Planning Committee in October. It was felt to be a victory in upholding the planning rules. Nick Steiner addressed the meeting regarding this and the removal of the hard-core surface. He also described the Park Project Plan especially the stadium and the Wimbledon Club taking over the use of part of the track.

c) Redevelopment of Site 37 (Wimbledon Stadium)

The redevelopment of the site would include proposals to bring back AFC Wimbledon or retain the greyhound stadium in a different format, both to include

housing and the greyhound proposals to include retail and squash club and off street parking for St. George's hospital staff. It would appear that LBM support the return of AFC. The report of the inspector is awaited. The proposals, presented by Peter West and Diane Maclean were subject to much debate from the floor.

13/6 Election of Officers

The following Officers and Committee Members were approved by the Meeting:-

Iain Simpson (Chairman)

Ivan Scott (Minute Secretary, Vice Chairman and Treasurer)

DeNica Fairman (Membership Secretary)

Committee members

Ken Ball

Kathy Blackburn

Spike Clarke

Andrew Dalton

Beate Eberhardt

Nigel Israel

Paresh Modasia

Michael Moore

Elaine Sandon

Peter West

Ex Officio

Cllr Oonagh Moulton

Cllr Janice Howard

Cllr Linda Taylor