

NORTH CRAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2017 at 7.30pm at Wychwood, 29 Parsonage Lane

Present:

John Harrington	President
David Cook	Chairman
Jean Gammons	Secretary
Geoff Waldmeyer	Treasurer
Irene Waldmeyer	(Membership Admin.)
Nik Carter	(Webmaster)
Jacky Cook	(Newsletter Editor)
Mick Doughty	
Michael Heath	
Chris Moon	

1. **Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence** David welcomed everyone and Action thanked them for attending, and reported that Tony Morris would be unable to join us as he had another engagement.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 8 June 2016.** Taken as read and agreed.

3.	Matters Arising		
Min.4.2	<p><u>Use for surplus funds</u> David reported that it had not been possible to arrange the Social Evening for last Autumn largely because Denise Baldwin was unable to undertake the proposed illustrated Talk on local history at that time. He had also reconsidered the timing of the event and now felt that mid-April/early April 2017 would be better. He also wondered whether the North Cray Community Centre would be a better venue than the Scout Hall. It was <u>agreed</u> that this should be investigated.</p>	DC	
Min 7.2	<p><u>Water Leaks</u> David updated the Committee on all the events that had taken place since last June, eg several fresh bursts through the road surface. The latest position was that Thames Water had refused to take any further action, and had also advised the NCRA of this in answer to Jean's recent letter to them on the subject. However, David had recently been given a new contact in Bexley Council and so the matter was still ongoing. Nik advised David, perhaps together with his immediate neighbours who were now also suffering the same problem,</p>	DC	

		to obtain their own Water Test as evidence that the water was leaking from the under-road water pipes. Don's advice was to investigate what steps were required before referring the case to the Water Regulator and to then do so; and, at this stage, for the NCRA to make a submission in support. This was <u>agreed</u> .	
4.	Treasurer's Report		
	Geoff distributed a copy of his latest Statement on accounts to the end of January 2017, which was <u>noted</u> . He explained that the previous situation as regards surplus funds remained. The meeting <u>agreed</u> that contributions such as that made by the NCRA to the Police's Christmas Tree Appeal 2015 should not be made regular ones.		
5.	Secretary's Report This had been distributed in advance of the meeting. 5.1 <u>Donation to the London Green Belt Council</u> This was seconded by Geoff and unanimously <u>agreed</u> ; but not for £50 but for £100.		GW JG
6	<u>No. 48 Parsonage Lane</u> . The meeting <u>noted</u> that the refused application to convert the existing dwelling and outbuildings to a Special Needs school had now gone to Appeal. Jean recommended that a new sub-committee be formed to focus on this and upon any new planning application if the applicant's appeal was dismissed. This was <u>agreed</u>		DC JG
			JG DM
7	Refuse collection and recycling Don outlined the process for handling this, stressing that mixing waste separated by householders for recycling rarely occurred. Nik showed him a cctv video clearly illustrating that this was happening in Parsonage Lane. Don said that he would put June Unwin of the Waste Team in touch with Nik to pursue this. Mick pointed out that he had also witnessed this in Barton Road.		
8	Councillor Massey's Report Don updated the Committee on the following:- <u>Susan Clark</u> , Head of Development Control: she was soon to retire [31 March]. <u>Waste4Fuel Heap in Cornwall Drive</u> : this was virtually gone. <u>Klinger's site in Edgington Way</u> : Bexley's involvement covered traffic arrangements only, which had now been approved. <u>Bexley's Budget</u> : next year Bexley would have a Balanced Budget, which was a reasonably good position for an Outer London borough!		

	<p>Don added that when the new St Marys & St James Ward came into being in 2018 there would be only two ward councillors instead of three, and said that he would not be standing for re-election. The meeting unanimously took this opportunity to thank him for all his help and support of the NCRA over the years, and to wish him well in the future.</p>	
9	<p>Other business</p> <p>9.1 <u>History “Side by Side”</u> David reported that this was an account by local historian Sylvia Malt of the part played by the men of North Cray and Footscray during WW1 and WW2. Sylvia had sought his help through Jean in obtaining costs for the printing 100 copies, and he wondered whether the NCRA might like to fund the cost of this, recovering the outlay over time if price per copy were say £5. However, the meeting <u>agreed</u> that this would not be an appropriate use of its funds; but it would be pleased to help her with promoting the book. Nik added that he had already spent a lot of time in preparing her text for inclusion on the NCRA's website, if Sylvia agreed to this, where it would be a useful addition.</p>	<i>NC</i>
	<p>9.2 <u>Fishing in the Meadows</u> Michael confirmed that this was illegal under a Bexley by-law, and said that it was important that any incident should be reported. He undertook to reply to the recent email addressed to the Committee on this subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.35pm</p>	<i>MH</i>