

# NORTH CRAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14 June 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 was on holiday, and this date had not been possible for Don Massey.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 14 February 2017.** Taken as read and agreed.

<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>		
Min.4.2	<p><u>Use for surplus funds</u> David reported that he was now looking at September for the proposed social evening, with an audio visual presentation by the Bexley Camera Club. He proposed to announce details at the AGM, to be followed by a <i>NewsMail</i> asking for members to respond if they planned to attend; and asked Jean to then contact the Collectors to ask them to tell any members without an email address about the event. Jacky took the opportunity to compliment Nik on his excellent <i>NewsMail</i> service.</p>	<b>DC</b>	<b>NC</b> <b>JG</b>
Min 7.2	<p><u>Water Leaks</u> David updated the Committee on the recent response by Thames Water when they had finally agreed to re-investigate their cause. Three leaks had been found, one caused by a faulty repair on a previous occasion. They proposed to dig up this section again, and were awaiting Bexley's permission to Close Parsonage Lane from 22 July. David said he was trying to obtain an earlier date for this.</p>	<b>DC</b>	

6	<u>Proposed school at 48 Parsonage Lane</u> David reported that the Planning Inspector had, based on the likely increase of traffic, dismissed the applicant's appeal against Bexley's refusal of planning permission; but had made little comment on the other concerns submitted by the Association. It was <u>agreed</u> that it was important to have these recorded 'on file' in case of any future submission and that David should write to Planning to this effect. David added that he would also consider approaching Planning about its failure to inform us directly of the Inspector's decision.	DC
9.2	<u>Fishing in the Meadows</u> Michael reported that, as chair of the Friends of Footscray Meadows, he had dealt with many complaints about this and other unsocial activities over the year. Jacky said that the problem seemed to be insufficient Notices of the right kind in the vicinity of the lake. The Committee <u>agreed</u> with Jean's suggestion that NCRA funds be used for this purpose. Michael undertook to contact the council to offer our sponsorship for the cost of better signs.	MH
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4.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Geoff distributed a copy of the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017, which was noted. He reported that the number of members was now 373 (some 92% of residents).	
5.	<b>Secretary's Report</b> This had been distributed in advance of the meeting, and Jean had only two Planning & Enforcement issues to add. One was an imminent application for a <u>refuse recycling operation</u> in Old Maidstone Road (Bromley) which could cause problems for our members, and she proposed to support the neighbouring residents association by submitting an Objection in due course. The other was a current breach by <u>Stuarts</u> of the authorised area for their soil grading works; action on this which was being sought by Cllr Don Massey.	<b>JG</b>
6	<b>AGM 4 July 2017</b>  6.1 <u>Membership subscription for 2017-2018</u> . Geoff's proposal that the AGM should be asked to agree that it should remain at £2 was <u>agreed</u> .  6.2 <u>Nominations for 2017-2018</u> All those present <u>agreed</u> to stand again.  6.3 <u>Hospitality arrangements</u> David reported that Anne and Michael Kelsey had again agreed to help with these; and Geoff and Irene said that they, too, were willing to help again with the refreshments table. It was also <u>agreed</u> that a small thankyou in the form of say flowers be given to the Kelseys.	GW  DC  GW IW DC
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	<p>6.4 <u>Chairman's Review of the Year</u> David asked those present to let him know of any changes or additions they would like to see to what he had outlined in the AGM Notification. Jean offered to brief him on Bexley's Growth Strategy.</p>	<p>All JG</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>7.1 <u>Anthony Wootton of The Grove</u> David asked Jean if she could clarify this member's recent concern regarding Neighbourhood Watch and how it concerned our Association. Jean said that his grievance was with the Bexley NW Association as it was unwilling to respond to his ideas in the way he sought. She added that this member had made no complaint about the NCRA, had complimented it on what it did through its <i>NewsMail</i> service to support crime prevention, and she had made clear to him that there was nothing more that the NCRA could do to help him as crime prevention was outside its remit.</p> <p>7.2 <u>Bowmans Stables, off Vicarage Road</u> David reported that both Cllr Ross Dowling and Cllr Don Massey had asked Jean to visit the applicant following Planning's refusal of planning permission for a bungalow on this Green Belt land. Jean had declined the request to do so as the NCRA's Objection had been based solely on Green Belt grounds, and she was unwilling to help the applicants to frame an Appeal to the Inspectorate, or a fresh application to Planning, on something that was so at odds with our objective, the protection of the Green Belt. The stand she had taken was unanimously <u>agreed</u>.</p> <p>7.3 <u>David Jones of Parsonage Lane</u> David asked Jean whether she had replied to this member's email offering his help to the Association. She assured the Committee that she always answered emails addressed to her, and did so quickly; but she had no recollection of any such email sent to her by this member.</p>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9pm</b></p>	
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