

NORTH CRAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2018 at 7.30pm at Wychwood, 29 Parsonage Lane

Present:

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

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence

David welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending, and reported that Michael Heath had sent his apologies.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 20 December 2017. Taken as read and agreed.

3.	Matters Arising		
Min.4.2	<u>Use for surplus funds</u> David reported that the proposed presenter of an audio visual presentation had not been able to undertake this in April as planned, and so he was now looking at a date in September 2018 for this social evening and would get a date soon. In answer to Tony's question about its format, David said that the audio visual would feature new roadways etc in Bexleyheath. He also planned to invite David Phillips to give an illustrated talk about his part in last year's Clipper Race. David undertook to view the Scout Hall as well as the Community Centre as a venue for the event, and Jacky agreed to produce a Flyer.		DC
Min 7.2	<u>Water leaks</u> David updated the Committee on the continuing saga of his problems with Thames Water about the leaks outside his house. The present position was that a period of dry weather was needed before new samples could be obtained. Nik suggested that he seek an accredited consultant to provide an independent report.		JC
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	6	<p><u>Former proposal for a school at 48 Parsonage Lane</u> David and Jacky reported that the applicant had recently informed the North Cray Riding School that she planned to open a riding school. Concern was expressed about this possibly being a strategy to obtain commercial status for this residential land. It was agreed that Jean should seek reassurance from Planning/Enforcement that no 'backdoor' activity was afoot.</p>	<i>JG</i>
	9.2	<p><u>Fishing in the Meadows</u> Jean said that she had asked Michael to provide a report for the Committee on any outcome of his promise to speak to Patrick English and the Friends of Footscray Meadows about what might be done. Because this issue was of major concern to members, the Committee <u>agreed</u> that, if Michael had nothing to report, Jean should seek a meeting with Patrick English to try to establish (a) what measures needed to be taken (b) the cost of more signage/fencing and (c) what would be permitted.</p>	<i>MH</i>
	5.1	<p><u>Orchard View</u> Jean and Nik reported that there was nothing new to report following the Planning Committee's welcome refusal in December 2017 of the proposal to build three houses on this sensitive Green Belt site.</p>	
	5.2	<p><u>Brief on Planning Committee meetings</u> Jean reported that she had provided this for the NCRA Committee (distributed in advance of the meeting). The latter thanked her for this.</p>	
	5.3	<p><u>139 North Cray Road</u> Jean reported that, with the help of Mick and Chris, a strong letter of Objected had been submitted to Planning about this renewed application for six houses on this Green Belt site. A decision on this was awaited. Regarding the unauthorised use of the land for vehicle storage and car sales, it was agreed that David should try again to obtain a meeting with the Head of Development Management. Nik suggested that it might be useful to also ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act.</p>	<i>DC</i>
	6	<p><u>NCRA's NewsMails</u> Jean again urged all members of the Committee to support Nik by contributing short pieces of interesting information. She stressed again that Nik had created this invaluable service to members, and that operating it was a near daily task for him – and he should not be expected to also provide input!</p>	<i>All</i>
	7.1	<p><u>Weatherley Fencing</u> David reported that he had spoken to them about the destruction of the run of trees and the construction of a second run of over-high fencing. The history of this was that the houses opposite had complained about the trees taking their light but these were so decayed that they had to be removed, which then resulted in workmen being able to see into the residents' bedrooms. It was agreed that nothing more could usefully be done.</p>	

	7.2	<p><u>Departure of Jacky and David in 2019</u> It was <u>agreed</u> new Committee members should be sought, one of whom might be prepared in time to assume the role of Chairman. All were asked to give this some thought.</p> <p>Jean said that she would approach Marion Brooker of Jaquets Court and David Jones of Parsonage Lane. David undertook to speak to his neighbour Martin Fish.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>JG</i></p> <p><i>DC</i></p>
	7.4	<p><u>Red recycling lorry</u> Nik reported that this was still seen daily, running to and from Manor Freehold Farm in Parsonage Lane, either empty or full. It was <u>agreed</u> that, without any evidence of an improper activity, there was nothing to pursue.</p>	
	4.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Chris distributed a copy of the Accounts for 2017-2018, which had been audited by Michael Heath. These were <u>noted</u> by the Committee. Jean expressed the Committee's thanks to Geoff for serving as the Association's Treasurer for so many years, and for doing this so well. This was supported by a round of applause from the Committee.</p> <p>Chris said that, in future, he would like to operate the Accounts by Internet Banking; but he had been advised by the bank that the Committee's agreement to this needed to be formally recorded in the Minutes. The Committee <u>agreed</u> that Internet Banking should be adopted.</p> <p>A second Examiner of Accounts needed to be appointed for 2018-2019, and Tony agreed to accept this role. This would be put to the AGM.</p>	<p><i>CM</i></p> <p><i>CM</i></p>
	5.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>5.1 Jean's Report, which had been distributed to the Committee in advance of the meeting, was <u>noted</u> – in particular the difficulty she was facing in the absence of the former annual meetings with the Head of Planning to unblock any 'brick walls'. David promised to write again to Robert Lancaster.</p> <p>5.2 Jean said that she had failed to include in her Report the second success we had had on the planning front since the last meeting, This was an application from Manor Freehold Farm 67 Parsonage Lane (part of the former Maggot Farm) to exercise the Prior Notification process in respect of one of its work units in order to change its use from Office to Residential. This had been refused by Planning. This success had been due to the technical appraisal of the site and its continuing toxicity provided to her by Nik for inclusion in her letter of Objection. Planning's Refusal letter had contained much of what Nik had written!</p>	<p><i>DC</i></p>

6	AGM	
6.1	<u>Membership subscription for 2018-2019</u> It was <u>agreed</u> that this should remain at £2.	CM
6.2	<u>Nominations for 2018-2019</u> Those present <u>agreed</u> that they would be willing to stand for re-election. Michael's agreement or not to his re-election was unknown.	JG
6.3	<u>Hospitality arrangements</u> Geoff and Irene agreed to manage the buffet. Ann and Michael Kelsey had again confirmed to Jacky that they would also be willing to help, but she would would try to enlist some further help from the Church.	GW IW JC
6.4	<u>Notification to members</u> Jean said that she had asked the new St Marys and St James SNT to attend and say a few words to the meeting, but she awaited their reply. Jean would also ask whether or not Barbara Harwood planned to attend, as special wheelchair arrangement might need to be made. David said that the Notification must go to the printers early next week, adding that a large part of it, including an insert, would need to cover the new EU data protection rules (see also 7.1 below).	JG JG DC
	Regarding its sorting into Roads and delivery to the various Volunteers, Irene said that she would be unable to undertake either of these tasks this year as she and Geoff would be on holiday from 6-16 June. Nik said that he would be willing to help with the delivery, and Chris said he would ask his mother if she could also help. Tony said that he would only be available to deliver the Notification to The Spinney on 13-16 June as he would be on holiday from 4-12 June, and again from 17-21 June. He asked Jean if she would deliver them for him if the Notification was not available for delivery on 13-16 June, to which she agreed.	NC CM JG
	This left uncovered the task of sorting the Notification into Roads.	DC
7	Other business	
7.1	<u>Compliance with the new EU data protection rules (GDPR)</u> Nik distributed to the Committee a copy of his update on this, his proposed action as webmaster (which he had made as simple as possible) and his proposed Privacy Statement. It was <u>agreed</u> that the latter should be placed on the NCR's website and included in the AGM Notification	NC DC
	The Committee <u>noted</u> that Nik had properly deleted from his <i>NewsMail</i> mailing list all those members who had failed to respond to his request for permission to hold their name and email address. It was <u>agreed</u> that the priority now was to get these members to re-register. However, David said that it would be unnecessary to delete Committee members from the <i>NewsMail</i> mailing list, and asked for this to be recorded in the minutes for the record.	JG
	Jean said that Nik had spent many hours over many days in ensuring that the Association would be compliant with the new GDPR. The Committee expressed its thanks to him for undertaking this enormous task.	

<p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p><u>Stuarts land at 57 North Cray Road</u> Chris reported that the person who ran the Bexley Garden Centre had been evicted, and expressed concern that this might be in preparation for a planning application to build houses.</p> <p><u>67 Gattons Way</u> Chris reported that a member had seen two boilers being delivered to this address, and David added that there were a number of electricity distribution boards in its rear garden. Bexley's refusal of permission to greatly enlarge this house was now being considered by the Planning Inspectorate on Appeal. Concern was expressed about the possibility of this house being used in future for Multi-Occupation and it was <u>agreed</u> that Jean should seek reassurance from Bexley's case officer that this would not be the case.</p> <p><u>Pot holes in Parsonage Lane and Cocksure Lane</u> Jacky informed the Committee that she had spoken to Highways about these, and that the various locations had now been marked with blue paint.</p> <p>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JG 31 May 2018</p> <p>.</p>	<p>JG</p>