



Minutes of Road Representatives Meeting, Monday 14 September 2015 8-10pm, in the Small Hall St Mildred's

1. **Apologies** Fred Law, Jean Carson, Mike Rotheron, Claire Binnie, Sheilagh Clark, Jan Rutter and Margaret Grimsley

Guest Vincent McLaughlin chairperson of Blackhorse Lane Residents Association

2. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.**

Minutes agreed. No matters arising.

3. **ASPRA Vacancies**

- Chairperson - Steve White was proposed and seconded and therefore elected into the position
- Vice Chairperson – Mary Alexander was proposed and seconded and therefore elected into the position

4. **Road representatives vacancies** - Greencourt Gardens, Lower Addiscombe Road (194-362), Shirley Road (57-196)

Elmgrove Road - Claire Binnie will take on this role, our thanks to Jenny Tighe who has been covering

Claremont Road – George Orlebar will take on this role, our thanks to Sheila Newbold who has been covering

5. **ASPRA magazine update**

The editor apologised that there had only been 2 editions this year and hoped to do better in the future.

She also requested that road reps let her know when they are not around and she bought the magazines that had not already been collected.

She advised that she had used a local printer this time and their turnaround time was better. She would appreciate knowing our views on this edition.

She needs articles for the magazine – Hilary said she can provide some and Cllr Andrew asked to be informed of the print deadline.

6. **ASPRA website update**

The website is a bit quieter as we are no longer receiving a weekly Neighbourhood Watch update. The webmaster has said he needs to do a revision but for the moment it is ticking along and technically fine.

7. Finance update

There is a significant deficit due to the longer accounting period and the first year of the festive lighting being paid. There is revenue from advertisers still to be received. Joining up of any new members will also assist with our finances and this led to a boundary discussion. Lower Addiscombe Road is also covered by Blackhorse Lane RA. ASPRA chairperson to look at our constitution and liaise with Blackhorse Lane chairperson

8. Projects update

Please see annexed report.

Cllr Stephen Mann has given ASPRA £500 from his community budgets project.

Cllr Andrew Rendle has offered his support to promote the festive lights.

9. Membership update

Figures submitted with agenda. There are 659 members with 2 having joined recently. We understand this is a high percentage compared to other local residents associations. Whilst this is good we still need to push for more members to give the extra income for our projects.

10. Councillor's update

Please see annexed report. The various subjects were discussed fully. We have just been advised that the new wheelie bin recycling for jointly glass and paper is to be trialled in another area of the borough.

11. Bingham Road Traffic Calming

Bob has received one adverse comment and when testing the issue could find no problem.

Cllr Andrew Rendle advised that the work carried out is to improve visibility and not related to speeding.

Cllr Andrew Rendle has got Skanska to agree that the remains of the old lamp post outside St Mildreds will be a priority.

Cllr Andrew Rendle is scrutinizing a mini review on Travellers including the role of bailiffs councillors and police. A high gate has been installed to help prevent the travellers returning to the Ashburton Park.

12. Plaque for Betty Westgate

Date for the unveiling is confirmed as Monday 19 October. Proposed time is 11am but this is still to be confirmed. Cllr Andrew Rendle suggested inviting Patricia Hay-Justice the new Mayor of Croydon and Hilary has contact details if required.

13. Jumbletrail

Anne Nation took us through the process and decisions that were required. The outcome is:

- Agreed to hold Jumbletrail on Sunday 24 April

- Restrict the area covered to ASPRA boundaries and will not be expanded even if take up is low
- Stalls in front gardens not on pavement
- Cost of a stall will be £5
- Profit from this venture will go towards festive lights (stall holders can make their own arrangements for raising money for their individual charities)
- Only cost should be posters to advertise event. Anne to email poster to postmaster.
- Road reps to assist with informing residents whose email addresses we do not hold

Cllr Andrew Rendle has offered to promote this event through social media etc.

14. AOB

Cllr Stephen Mann suggested we may like to run a project with local gardeners to improve the planting/flower beds in Bingham Rec similar to that which has been set up for Ashburton Park. The councillors would support this and they are also aware that the entrance from Bingham Road into the park needs to be repaired to allow access for all.

Cllrs will look into the issues of a collection point in central Croydon for post which was raised at a previous meeting.

Shirley Vine will liaise with local Rotary group to possible providing festive interest at the Blackhorse.

Vincent Mclaughlin informed us that Blackhorse RA will be providing a contribution to the festive lights

John Newbold asked if the street art on the Pavilion is supported and Cllr Stephen Mann will check the situation

15. Dates of next meeting all at St Mildreds

- Pavilion 2 February 2016 19:30-22:00 Road Representatives Meeting
- Pavilion 26 April 2016 19:30-22:00 ASPRA AGM