



Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents Association

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Minutes of Road Representatives Meeting

Tuesday 27 September 2016 in the Pavilion St Mildred's

1. Apologies

Lorna MacKay-Elliott, Barbara Langsdale, Margaret Grimsley, Terry Eames, Chris Facey, Jean Carson, Fred Law, Shashi Kotecha.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

Fred our Treasurer has confirmed the Jumbletrail money will be transferred to the lighting budget (pesky Excel formulas hadn't been complying!)

Window stickers for members – the cost of purchasing these came out at 12.5% of subs which is quite high so Phil our new editor has done the art work for a sticker which will be produced in each magazine with the exception of the first magazine after the AGM (May magazine) which goes out to all 1867 households in the ASPRA area. The sticker will include the year of membership i.e. 2016-17.

3. Chairperson update

Excellent progress has been made by the gardening team with the flowerbeds in Addiscombe Recreation Ground. Chairman was advised they are hoping to introduce some simple hurdle fencing to reduce dog damage.

Addiscombe shops have no traders association but Councillor Stephen Mann advised that there are several new traders who may have fresh ideas and as an incentive he is offering a lump sum to set up a business group.

Pavement along the shops has been dug up and not replaced with the upgraded stone but tarmac and Councillor Stephen is aware and looking into this.

The new plans for developing the land behind the Cricketers pub is of concern to the chairman who is passionate about not having the building too high. Also as the Cricketers is the only pub in the area the development should not impact on the pub. The developers should be responsible for sound insulation so that residents are not impacted by the normal running of the public house.

4. ASPRA Vacancies:

Road Rep Craven Road

Road Rep Lower Addiscombe Road (194-362)

Road Rep Sefton Road

Road Rep Shirley Road (57 – 196)

After a discussion it was agreed these were the current vacancies, no volunteers came forward at the meeting.

5. Magazine update

Our new editor Phil Poole introduced himself. He has lived in Northampton Road for 33 years and still doesn't know many people, although his wife does know everyone. He also introduced his colleague Colin Gamm (also of Northampton Road) who is assisting. The magazine will be out next month (October) and a lot of content has come in for it. Phil and Colin have met with the printers and TD Print have confirmed they are

happy with the format. Phil was unsure of the next stage after printing, this was explained with Sarah Hills and Bob Sleeman offered to help count the magazines into bundles ready for the Road Reps to collect and deliver. Pauline Harran offered old photos of the area. Phil advised that the magazine needs to be out before half term as there are some dates in it for that week. The plan is for there to be a magazine in October, February and May which will be the AGM version.

Councillor Andrew Rendle suggested saving costs by emailing the magazine and Phil explained the file would be very large and give problems to many of those receiving it. Chairperson Steve added that many of those who advertise services in the magazine prefer it to be hard copy as it is handier for people wanting to use their services.

6. Website update

Although there are a high number of people looking at the ASPRA site they are not within the ASPRA area but from China and even Apple. Money allocated for the website this year is £450 but this will cover the next 2 to 3 years. There was discussion about the hosting tool and Bob confirmed this gave a lot more information than he is currently providing should it be required. Tim Longhurst is in the process of taking over from Bob and will continue with HTML as the website software and it is hoped that the ASPRA secretary will be able to make updates on the site.

7. Finance update

Those of our advertisers that have not paid up is still be resolved by Mary. Phil the editor has carried across the advertising from last time. A motion was proposed and carried to offer TD Print a free half page advert.

8. Projects update

Please see the attached update from Hilary.

For the festive lights 33% vote for Holly and Berries with 34% for the snowflake.

Discussion was had about the notice board which will be simple and matt black in keeping with the sign at the Blackhorse. It was agreed that our members with email accounts would be given the opportunity to vote for the 3 possible titles for the notice board. ASPRA will be funding the £200 cost of the planning application and any costs of installing the board. It was confirmed that there is no exemption to the planning cost for community projects. Councillor Stephen asked about whether it was graffiti proof as Addiscombe currently has a problem with this. Hilary advised they are described as vandal proof.

9. Membership update

Before the meeting membership stood at 761, as Road Reps handed in their recent envelopes membership increased to within the region of 795 (now confirmed at 789). 200 (now confirmed as 207) of these are new members. 109 have not yet renewed (now updated to 89) and they will not receive a copy of the next magazine or any further emails.

There are some lengthy delays between cheques being issued and cashed and Dave requested that if road reps are unable to get to the bank they can drop the cheques to him.

More personal details e.g. email address and phone numbers are being submitted and he see this as a good sign that we are being trusted.

It is now easier to track subs as there are more bank signatories.

Dave explained the kind of issues he was having with "spammers" due to the high number of people he is now emailing but has received good feedback from ASPRA members.

10. Councillor's update

Positive response to Jumbletrail

Good progress has been made with the flowerbeds in Addiscombe Recreation Ground and whilst ASPRA has installed a water butt they are aware that the council have yet to sort out being able to use the tap for watering.

There continue to be problems with getting the Addiscombe shop traders together. Andrew has letters going out to all the businesses and the 3 Addiscombe councillors have been brought onboard. They are also including the businesses in Shirley Road.

The large discount shop (previously Sainsburys) has a potential lease holder and things are moving slowly in the right direction.

Planning application is imminent for the old library in Ashburton Park.

Blackhorse Lane Bridge will be closed for 2 years. TFL shut their bridge to analyse the metal and then decide on repair or renew. If renew council will do the same with their bridge. Councillors are putting pressure on TFL as there has been a lot of other bridge works in the area over the last few years all of which have caused traffic problems. Also looking at options for increased pedestrian and cycle paths. Whilst Dalmally residents are benefiting, now the schools have gone back traffic conditions have worsened. Steve (chairman) says congestion also due to traffic light phasing of lights at the bottom of Shirley Road and Maddie thought a yellow box would help. Sarah Hills and Paul Pinder have both been involved with these issues previously and have a wealth of knowledge.

There is a further planning application for the land behind the Cricketers and a rezoning application. Councillor Andrew Rendle explained that land in the area is being redesignated properly.

The councillors have offered ASPRA a separate local plan meeting as the Shirley one has been cancelled.

20mph speed limit has gone through and believe this will benefit the minor roads. Financing this will come from TFL.

CPZ was comprehensively rejected. Councillors are open to ideas for relieving parking problems. Councillor Andrew has walked the area helping to identify where additional parking can be created.

Constituency Boundaries – ASPRA may want to comment on ward boundaries. Consultation has not started yet but should be on our radar.

Security for Addiscombe Recreation Park – Quadrant use roving keepers – (not the named park keeper for each park in council election manifesto)

11. Jumbletrail update

Jenny, Ann and Lyn the Jumbletrail champions are looking for a Saturday in June 2017 for the next event to take place. They would like to avoid if possible clashing with other events in the area so would appreciate hearing from anyone who is aware of school fayre dates sporting event dates etc. With this information they can choose a date to maximize the footfall. They would also like more help with social media.

12. Addiscombe Recreation Ground update

The gardeners have had various monthly sessions including one with refreshments and another very popular one where the plants from Hampton Court Garden Show were planted. There are a core group of workers with lots of supporters and more would be welcome. They have also been offered some trees and a discussion on the types of trees currently there, protection orders, and what would be attractive to have in the park, the best way to take this forward and how to promote took place.

13. 20mph speed limit

Confirmed this will not include speed humps

Bingham Road will be 20mph

Expected to be introduced summer 2017

Steve (Chairman) has not received a reply to his application to volunteer to be a speed camera operative. Only written warnings will be issued.

We are receiving a second community police officer who could be used to focus on speed but this would draw him away from the anti social behaviour problems.

14. AOB

Chris Facey asked that we raise the issue of Addiscombe Recreation Ground's noisy dogs and their owners. This was discussed and although acknowledged there is some noise no one found it to be at the level they would consider a nuisance.

Sarah Hill requested that everyone gives their name before speaking and it was agreed this is a very good idea and we will endeavour to do so at all future meetings.

15. Dates of next meetings all at St Mildreds:

Wednesday 8 February 2017 19:30-22:00 Road Representatives Meeting in the Small Hall

Thursday 27 April 2017 19:30-22:00 AGM in the Pavilion

Wednesday 14 June 2017 Road Representatives Meeting in the Small Hall

Monday 4 September 2017 Road Representatives Meeting in the Small Hall