

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Onslow Gardens Residents Association held in the Woodcote Room, Wallington Public Hall, on July 16th, 2009.

Members Present: David Duncan (Chairman), Hilary Alexander (Treasurer), Glenise Coxon (Secretary), John Stone, Robert Landeryou, Ann Landeryou, Mary Wallis, Jean Coombes, Stan Sherman, James Davison, Tom Brake, Richard Vernon, Janet , Christopher Bones, Ian Burnell, Ian and Martha Starr, Trudy and George Pawulski, James Davison, Carolyn Burton, Sheila Cole, Howard Cole, Geoff Tomlinson, Val Stephenson, Robert Lewis, Jill Caesley, Fred Hutt, Nina Ludwig, Steve Cook .

Report from Peter Shirley, Sergeant of the Wallington South SNT.

Peter spoke of the formation and organisation of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team. He outlined their latest tasks set by the panel, their other roles in the community and current crime statistics. He told us how to contact the team and encouraged people to do so with reports, favourable and unfavourable comments.

Peter warned of opportunistic burglars who, if they see an open back door, can hop over a fence or wall and be in and out of a house in a few seconds. He answered several questions from the public on matters such as whether or not one should tackle an intruder, and the opening hours of Wallington Police Station.

Guest Speaker.

Jayne McCoy, one of our local Councillors, spoke on three heads:- (a) Planning Projects,
(b) Current Improvements,
(c) Future Improvements.

(a) These included development in Wallington Square, an application for an ATM machine at the Post Office, about which Jayne will welcome views from the public, changes to Shotfield and Mint House, an application for the SNT to move into Crosspoint House, the application to develop the plot at 52, Blenheim Gardens and the application to build a massive care home in Beddington Gardens, to which councillors object and to which she encourages objections from the public.

(b) Current Improvements include work now started to link traffic lights in Wallington town centre; councillors are pressing for a pedestrian phase which at present Transport for London say is not possible.

A designated parking bay outside Barclays Bank for unloading goods is to be instituted, the present parking space to be replaced by a space on the opposite side of the road.

The hanging baskets financed by the Public Realm Improvements Grant are now in place, and it is hoped to restore the lamp posts outside the Old Town Hall.

Trees in Beddington Gardens are to be cut back where they make the pavements very dark.

(c) Future improvements include improvements to access at Wallington Station. Consultations are in progress about a change to the road surface in Ross Parade to indicate an approach to a busy pedestrian area, the introduction of a roundabout at the Dalmeny Road/Mount Park/Brambledown Road crossing, a change in the road system in the Woodcote Green area. Consultations are still open on Site Development Policies and on how the £2million in the Wallington Integrated Package should be spent.

Jayne answered several questions from the floor.

Chairman's Report.

David gave the Chairman's report on our activities during the last year, detailing our concerns on planning matters, and our presence as representatives of the Association at public meetings, and urged members to attend the Beddington and Wallington Area meetings. He reminded us of the web-site, and the information available there and encouraged members to bring topics of interest to the notice of the Committee. He stressed the need for new blood on the Committee, and Steve Cook and Nina Ludwig agreed to join.

Treasurer's Report.

Hilary gave the Treasurer's report. Subscriptions this year were paid by just less than 50% of residents.

The main expenditure is for the AGM, hall hire and refreshments. Other expenditure is for printing and auditing. A statement of accounts will also be available on the web-site.

The formal meeting closed at 9 16pm, and was followed by informal talks and excellent refreshments provided as usual by Dick Embery.

Glenise Coxon
OGRES Hon Sec.