

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Onslow Gardens Residents' Association, held at the British Red Cross Hall,  
Woodcote Road on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 8pm.

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Robert Landeryou, Lisette Scott, Jo Rayner.

Present.

David Duncan (chairman), Hilary Alexander, Michael Kirk, Glenise Coxon, Jeff Groves, John Stone, Robert Landeryou (later), and seventeen residents listed separately.

Tom Brake's Address.

Tom spoke of his work during the past week This included consultation on the Wallington Green Conservation Area during which he mentioned the new fund under the Area Committee's management, and Section 106 money. He drew attention to the Draft document produced by the London Borough of Sutton.

He had spoken with the Borough Emergency Planning Officer and gave a positive impression of the sort being done to protect local people from terrorists. The services had responded impressively to a bomb scare in Clockhouse and were monitoring the Refuse site in Beddington Lane for possible problems with methane release. In answer to a later question from the floor he said there were contingency plans for a flooding of the Wandle.

He gave statistics of the Health survey which had been conducted locally, selecting for mention that 70% of local people had difficulty in finding a NHS dentist, and explaining some of the problems in that area. Most people were satisfied with GP services. There were many questions from the floor. In answer to many of these, the state of Wallington Station, the excess of fast food outlets in Wallington generally and Stafford Road in particular, the need for extra services to support the greatly increasing population, Tom urged the association to make its own representations. He said he would question whether Transport For London had carried out the synchronisation of the lights down the High Street which they had promised, and if they had, whether they had reviewed the situation. He promised also to take up the concern about very tall trees which presented a danger to several houses in Onslow Gardens.

Plans for Wallington Square were discussed.

Unchecked weeds in Onslow Gardens was a topic of discussion. Tom advised putting the case to local councillors.

David raised the matter of gardens being classed as brown field sites. Tom was also concerned about this and working to have the definition of a brown site changed to exclude gardens, and refer only to previously developed sites.

The matter of Section 106 money was raised, and it was asked what say local people have in the way it is spent. Tom promised feed-back on this. It was also asked if the money reverts to the developer if it is not used within a certain time, and what that time is.

Tom was thanked for his time and his support.

There was no member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team present to give an update.

Chairman and Treasurer's Reports.

These are appended.

Election of Officers.

Jill Caesley and Michael Kirk, who have resigned this year were thanked for their help. Hilary Alexander was elected Treasurer. A request was made for more residents to join the committee. Glenise Coxon agreed to become Secretary if no-one else would accept the post at the next committee meeting.

There was no other business.

The next committee meeting was announced to be on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 41 Blenheim Gardens.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Glenise Coxon