

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Onslow Gardens Residents Association held on the Woodcote Room, Wallington Public Hall, on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Members Present: David Duncan (Chairman), Hilary Alexander (Treasurer), Glenise Coxon (Secretary), John Stone, Robert Landeryou, Mary Wallis, Jean Coombes, Stan Sherman, Jean Roberts, Peter Wallis, A Tuffey, Ann Landeryou, James Davison, Tom Brake, Richard Vernon, M Houghton.

Apologies were received from Keith Gaffney, Pat Shaw, and Mary and David Towler.

Report from Peter Shirley.

Peter Le-Shirley, the head of our Safer Neighbourhood Team, explained to the meeting the objectives of his group, and what they have achieved recently. The current priorities set by the Ward Panel were to tackle anti-social behaviour in the High Street and Beddington Garden areas, drug use in Stafford Road, and Graffiti in specific sites. He reported success in these areas, despite being an officer short.

In response to request from residents he has changed to shift pattern of his team to make them more available on Friday and Saturday evenings, and until later at night.

John asked how long the shifts were. Ten hours was the reply, and for sixteen days out of every twenty-eight. The teams cannot be split because there has to be a PC present with the PCSOs, but in order to increase coverage he has now reduced the four consecutive days off to three days only. Peter would like to be informed if there are any special problems which occur on Mondays or Tuesdays, as there are fewer shifts then because of the concentration of shifts at the weekend.

He encouraged residents with problems with criminal or antisocial behaviour to contact him. Robert asked if he could help stop vandals from accessing the roof of Wallington Public Hall, and Hilary spoke of the noisy motor scooters in the area. Peter replied that they were no longer allowed to chase motor scooters, but if one could take down their numbers, he could find their addresses and talk to their parents.

David thanked Peter for his talk, and for his presence at short notice, and Peter said he hoped next year to have his whole team with him.

Guest Speaker.

Tom Chance, who is Community Engagement Manager for Sutton's BioRegional Development Group, gave a talk on One Planet Living.

He spoke of the need to decrease our natural resources usage in the interests of our purses and of the planet, and detailed many ways in which we could easily do so. These ideas are presented in a 'Green Guide to Hackbridge', which will shortly be available on the OGRES website. He offered to host a workshop on sustainability if we would like him to do so.

His talk prompted lively discussion, and David expressed our gratitude to him.

Chairman's Report.

David gave the Chairman's report on our activities during the last year, detailing our concerns on planning matters, our presence as representatives of the Association at public meetings, and our carol-singing. This report will also be on the website.

Treasurer's Report.

Hilary gave the Treasurer's report. Subscriptions this year were slightly down on last year - just less than 50% of residents support us.

The carol singing raised £211.70 for the Diamond Riding Centre, which is our chosen charity for this year also.

The main expenditure is for the AGM, hall hire and refreshments (the carol singing

refreshments are provided by the committee). Other expenditure is for printing and donations. There have been no planning fees this year.

In all there was an excess of income over expenditure of £64.94. A statement of accounts will also be available on the web-site.

Election of Officers. Although the Chairman and Secretary would like to have stood down, there were no offers to take their places. Mary Wallace agreed to join the committee, and was warmly welcomed.

AOB. Thanks were expressed to the Road Reps for collecting the subscriptions.

The next meeting of the committee will be on September