



Tudor Estate Residents Association

AGM 2nd May 2013

Started 17.45 pm

- 1) Debbie Adye - Chair, opened the AGM, by welcoming over 50 Residents to the Naval Club in Hanworth for the 3rd Annual General Meeting.

She declared that she was highly delighted to see the number of members who had been able to make the meeting, in spite of the late date change, from the 1st to the 2nd May.

- 2) Brian Smith – Secretary, advised that we had received 2 apologies for absence, Jim Richardson and Rosemary Moore.
- 3) Brian Smith – Secretary, gave a brief resume of the minutes of last year's AGM, which were proposed by Fran Rodd and seconded by Kevin Tarrant.
- 4) Chairs report – Debbie Adye,

Debbie reminded us of how good the Christmas social was, and that we would be holding it again this year, and requested ideas for the entertainment, as we had already been entertained by 2 different, but, brilliant magicians. It was also intended to continue with the Christmas light competition, as it made the estate look wonderfully festive.

She suggested a low key street party to keep the spirit from our jubilee party going, possibly in Moatside, or along Elizabeth Way and requested suggestions, including possible dates, although, July seemed to make sense.

Debbie advised that we were looking into the idea of making the estate a 20mph limit area, although we did not want speed humps.

She reported that we had put in a further complaint to Hounslow council, regarding the Mosque operating outside of the stipulated times, and using the outside space. They are still operating without a travel plan, which was fundamental to them receiving planning permission in the first place.

We were also still complaining about Hounslow councils dealings with our original complaints about the planning process since 2010. We had made Hounslow council go through the planning process on the excessive signage which was erected without permission. Hounslow rejected the retrospective planning appeal, but an appeal outside of the 8 weeks allowed has been accepted by the inspectorate, which we are querying. Hounslow forgot to advise us of the appeal, which meant we only had 2 days to comment, so a

general TERA letter was submitted as there was no time for individual objections, stating that the appeal was invalid, as it was out of time, confirming that the signage was excessive in size and number, and that some wording may be offensive to other religions.

The dome was also erected without planning permission, and Hounslow's planning enforcement committee agreed that it was unacceptable, back last Summer, and agreed on enforcement. They could action this until the retrospective planning application put in by AMA was decided upon. Hounslow took until December to reject the planning application, and when we requested an update in March we found out that Hounslow, had done nothing, further. We are now pleased to confirm that an enforcement notice was served in April. Unfortunately this does not mean that it is coming down as the AMA have 28 days to appeal, which obviously they will.

Debbie reminded members about the planning process with regard to the monolith which was rejected by Hounslow in 2005, allowed at appeal in January 2006, without the knowledge of residents, and erected in April 2009. She explained her frustration over the lack of consultation and went on to advise that she complained to the council, councillors, London Mayor, and our MP, and the inspectorate. She discovered that if you do not agree with the decision made at appeal, you have 6 weeks to take your complaint to the High Court... But if nobody is told what is planned, how can you comply with this time scale? Nic Moore and Debbie, with assistance from local councillor Beverley Williams, put in a considerable number of hours work over the years, and eventually, due to TERA's continuous lobbying, Hounslow were embarrassed into action. The tower measured in at 21 feet taller than the agreed permission, and was considered out of keeping with the local surroundings. An enforcement notice was issued, and referred to the Inspectorate. This resulted in a public hearing in January 2013, which went in our favour, and J.C.Decaux/Dairy Crest have, until 8th August to demolish the tower.

Our residents association now tries to make sure that if there is a planning application which may impact on our tiny bit of "England's Green and Pleasant Land", we know about it.

A good example of this, is when we found out recently, that the old RAC site by Feltham Community college was likely to become a lorry depot, TERA have made a submission to Hounslow Council to have a lorry ban down Castle Way, so that all lorries go round the back of the estate which will be of great benefit to those living in Castle and Sunbury Way.

Debbie advised that our constitution was put together in a hurry, and now we have had a chance to reflect, feel it is sensible to adopt a more streamlined,

less complex version. Copies have been put out for you to look over, and we hope you will agree to the change, which will be voted on later this evening.

5) Vice chair's report - Ann Hoskins.

Ann declared that the front garden competition – Park and Bloom, would be held again this year, but in order to be judged, you must be a member of the residents association. She hoped the judging would be at the end of June, even though it was difficult to get members of the RHS at that time of year, as it was their busiest period.

The neighbourhood award sponsored by the RHS, which is shown on the website, has not been entered into this year, as the problems identified by the judges, have not been dealt with yet, but hopefully, we will enter again next year, especially as the bulbs we planted, would hopefully have spread a little, and should stand us in good stead.

She thanked everyone for help in planting the 1500 bulbs that we were allocated, and was pleased at the turn out, especially on the Sunday, our 2nd bulb planting day. She hoped everyone noticed the beautiful display at the crossroads, in spite of the efforts of the Councils gardeners, to chop them down, resulting in one grass cutting vehicle ending up in the hedge, as per the photo taken by Peter Patman.

There were a number of new trees planted along Queens Way and Queens Avenue, and part of the agreement, was that local residents would water the trees, so she requested those nearest to the new plantings, did their bit to ensure they stayed healthy.

Ann was disappointed in the take up, of the children's competition and workshop to plant vegetables or grow the largest sun flower, and seeds were still available for those interested. She was asked from the floor, where this had been advertised, and informed the questioner that it was in the news letter, and on the website.

6) Secretary's report – Brian Smith

Brian declared that we have had a very successful year, as well as the monolith, outlined by Debbie earlier. We also managed to block the licence application, by the garage shop to sell alcohol, for 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The council advised that they had received more letters of objection over that issue than any previous application. They received 109 objections, and considering we only had about 117 member households at the time, that was fantastic, and he thanked all who took part in that campaign.

He advised that we had made quite a few contacts over the year, and hopefully they would prove useful in the future. He also thought that Hounslow council now realise that we are not an organisation to be taken lightly.

He advised that one of the contacts we had made, was with the Environment Agency, who run the Kempton Park Nature reserve, he asked if any members had visited the site on their first public open day earlier that year, and declared that it was a very interesting place. The Warden running the reserve, advised that she was very keen to establish a relationship with local groups, such as ours, and we hope to organise visits for members, and other events, within the nature reserve especially for the children on the estate.

He declared that we had also been in touch with the Lord Mayor of London's office, and had been allocated a "Clean up" Kit, which was on display at the side of the stage. So those who liked nothing more than a nice litter pick, on a sunny afternoon, have had their prayers answered. He said that we would be asking for volunteers, shortly, to arrange our first litter pick, which would be along the verges of Sunbury and Castle Way. But will organise litter picks throughout the estate, during the year. And if anyone felt their road was becoming particularly bad, they should advise a committee member, and we would try to organise a clean- up.

Brian advised that the council were making Sunbury way and Shakespeare Way, a no waiting/parking area, where they meet. It would extend 10 meters each way on Sunbury Way, and 8 meters into Shakespeare.

Finally he advised that although we had tried to organise a 10 pin bowling afternoon, during the Easter holidays, time had beaten us, so we would try again for the Summer holidays. He emphasised this was not a competition, but a chance for families to socialise in a friendly atmosphere. Any individuals or couples, would be teamed up to make 3 or 4 people per lane.

Anyone interested should e mail Brian, or just pop a note through any committee member's letter box.

He emphasised that this is your association, so anyone with any ideas for a social event, or with a complaint, should let a committee member know. We have already received some ideas, for a boat trip, a trip to London to see the lights, and Card afternoons. We will notify these and any other ideas around the estate later to gauge the interest in them.

7. Treasurers report –Peter Anderson.

Peter gave a quick resume of the expenses for the year, and confirmed everyone had been given an Income and Expenditure Account, (copy attached) for the year.

He reported that the apparent deficit in the past year compared with a surplus in the year before, did not indicate that our financial situation had worsened, but was entirely due to the timing of the receipt of the two grants from the Hounslow Borough Council, totalling £1000, which we had received in the previous year and spent in this year.

He asked if anyone had any queries, and none were forthcoming, He therefore confirmed that the accounts had been checked by Mr John Card,

To ensure they showed a true and accurate reflection of the records provided, and had been correctly prepared, and thanked him for his assistance.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Brian Fanning, and seconded by Barry Murphy.

8) Projects – Nic Moore

Nic confirmed that we had received a £500 grant from Hounslow council, for our community notice boards, and that he had given the council the necessary information for them to finalise the grant. He advised that initially 3 notice boards were sited around the estate, and now the 4th has been placed at the top of Queens Way where it meets Castle Way.

He also declared that the £500 grant for our street party had been regularised, with the council, in that they were satisfied the money had been spent wisely.

He agreed the neighbourhood watch had taken a hammering recently, with all the activity on the estate, but felt that without the constant updating and advising of residents, the situation could have been worse. He was pleased to advise that 2 people had been arrested, whom the police thought were responsible for quite a few of the recent burglaries. Gideon Keren asked if the Neighbourhood watch web site which had been talked about, was happening, and Nic assured him it was “Work in progress” He was advised that there was a facility on the TERA website to report “Happenings”, but if it needed a more imminent response, he should e mail Nic or Brian.

9) Website/Technology – Kate Taylor

Kate urged everyone to log on to the website, and browse through, she declared that hits had doubled in the last 6 months, and there had been over 1200.

She advised that there were Jubilee and bulb planting photos on the website, and confirmed that if anyone had a hobby or interesting photos, she would be happy to include them.

She was asked from the floor, about the list of estate residents, who have skills or run businesses which could be of use to other residents. She advised that as the association was a charitable organisation, our website was free of charge, but that meant we could not advertise on it.

Debbie interjected that there was an email list available to members who requested it.

Kate also advised, when questioned about the lack of “neighbourhood watch” issues on the website, that she only put good things on there, as anything detrimental, could affect, people selling their houses, or in other subtle ways.

10) Voting - Ann Hoskins

Ann thanked the committee for their hard work over the year, and requested nominations from the floor, for any of the positions on the committee. None were forthcoming, although 2 people said they would offer assistance as required

Ann pointed out that the work was sometimes long and arduous, as per Nic and Debbie’s efforts on the monolith, and all the officers were re elected.

Proposed by Francis Hoffland and seconded by Brian Fanning

She asked for approval of the new constitution, and that was given with a show of hands of everyone present.

This was also proposed by Andy Brownlie and seconded by Kevin Tarrant.

11) AOB – Brian Smith

Kate presented the snooker awards to the winners Colin Rose and Steve Taylor, and Andy Brownlie and Paul Billington, runners up Andy thanked Steve Taylor, for all his work in organising the event, and the use of his snooker table and equipment.

Brian asked for comments or questions from the floor.

Kate suggested a “Mass” garage sale, in which any residents with items to dispose of, would put them up for sale in their garage/gardens, all on the same day.

Debbie declared the meeting finished at 20.30pm