

TUDOR ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM 29th April 2014

Held at the Royal Naval Club, Hanworth, 19.30Hrs

Debbie Adye Chair: welcomed everybody, and thanked them for coming and joining us at another TERA AGM.

Debbie reminded us that the annual subscriptions were now due, the fee remains at £5 per household, but donations in the form of additional contributions would not be refused.

Brian Smith Secretary: advised that only 1 apology for absence had been received, Ann Hoskins, Vice chair, who has a previous engagement.

Brian Smith, then added his thanks to everyone for coming out this evening to support the AGM. He then proceeded to summarise the minutes from last year's AGM, which were accepted, being proposed by Mr Bruce Wells and seconded by Mrs Helen Thomson.

Debbie Adye then gave the chairs report.

She confirmed that TERA was originally formed in the spring of 2010, with Ann Hoskins, who unfortunately could not be here tonight, being involved from the very beginning, and Instrumental in setting up the association. The membership had grown every year, and out of approximately 220 houses on the estate 80% or 180 were members.

Debbie advised that we had put on street parties, established the Annual Christmas social, the Christmas lights competition, and with financial help from LBH put up community notice boards, along with Snooker, and gardening competitions and spring bulb planting to brighten our verges.

The community had come together to oppose some planning issues, and socially over the last couple of years. She thought that since the formation of TERA the estate has become a better place to live.

She reminded us that over the last year the monolith has been demolished, and this was entirely due to TERA. The mosque had been made to remove the dome, and excessive signage, which were erected without the planning permission that applies to all residents.

Debbie confirmed that Nic Moore and herself are currently working to make the estate a 20mph area, which has been initially agreed to, and TERA will keep

pursuing LBH until this is put in place. TERA has also requested a restriction of lorries on Sunbury and Castle Way, which should reduce noise and increase safety. We would also like to have red or yellow lines put outside the petrol station, as lorries parked on the road, whilst drivers purchase a sandwich or paper, makes exiting from Raleigh Way very dangerous. She confirmed that we have many events planned for the coming year, and the next event is the popular garage sale, on Sunday 4th may.

Brian Smith then gave the Secretary's report:

He confirmed that one of our biggest challenges this year was the proposed football pitches on Nallhead road. After protests about the plan, a meeting was arranged with local residents, and at a very well attended meeting it was made clear that the majority of residents were against the development. New plans have now been submitted, with fewer pitches and reduced parking, but so far no decision had been made by LBH. Brian said that many people believe this is a "done deal", so therefore we have a plan B, to dilute the proposals, in particular, the selling of alcohol, the opening hours, and dangerous entrance. He said that some roads on the estate had now been resurfaced, and along with this came new lamp posts. A few residents complained about the brightness, but when TERA put this to LBH, we were told, that they had to be that bright in order to conform to new regulations, and could not be dimmed. However now this had come to the attention of the national press, TERA would monitor what actions were being taken, and ensure they would be applied to our estate.

He stated that we had organised another litter pick recently, but with a disappointing turn out, however he thanked those that did help, and who collected over 12 bags of rubbish, along with assorted signs, wood, and rubble, which the council took away next morning.

He also pointed out that yellow lines were now in place at the junction of Sunbury and Shakespeare way, hopefully making it safer for residents exiting the estate.

Brian advised that TERA had been invited to join G15+, a group of 20 plus other residents associations and pressure groups within the borough, with the idea that LBH would take more notice if we acted as a group, and supported each other's causes. He and Nic Moore had attended a recent meeting, and have now received an invitation to the next meeting in a couple of week's time.

He confirmed that we were trying to arrange more social events within the estate, and asked members to complete the questionnaires on the tables to ascertain what sort of events would be supported.

He finally advised that we needed to decide whether to advertise the garage sale in the local informer, and asked for a vote. It was decided by the small number of residents that voted, that it should only be advertised locally.

Peter Anderson Treasurer then gave his report:

Peter presented a sheet showing the income and expenditure account for year ending 31st March 2014, which showed an overall deficit, for the year of £133. However as we began the year with £907 in hand, there was now still a surplus of £774. The accounts had been checked by Mr John Card, accountant. A resident asked why the Jubilee party was shown in this year's accounts, and Peter pointed out this was a typing error, as it should read Coronation Jubilee party.

Nic Moore then gave his report on Projects and Neighborhood watch.

Nic reported that we were organising a picnic to celebrate the anniversary of D Day, on the green opposite Moat Side, and thanked the residents of Moat Side for their agreement. He suggested residents each bring a plate of Savoury and a plate of sweet to share. He confirmed that over 150 packets of poppy seeds had been distributed for planting around the estate to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the commencement of WW1, and that tea lights would be distributed to residents who would like to place them along their property boundaries on August 4th. Both these items were supplied by TERA free of charge to residents.

Nic advised that the estate had been plagued by a spate of burglaries, particularly from sheds, but that more vigilance by residents had hopefully reduced these significantly.

Finally Nic reminded everyone of the ever popular Hanworth Classic Car Rally, now held in Bushy Park, was on Sunday 13th June.

Kate Taylor IT then reported:

Kate advised that the Gardening competition, would be repeated again this year, in the same format as previous years, and that prizes would be awarded. She declared that previous winners would be given a 5point handicap to encourage more people to enter.

Kate reminded everyone about the website, and urged residents to log on and browse the pages. She also reminded residents, that she would put any notices for local events on behalf of our residents.

Kate advised that TERA were holding a coffee morning on behalf of The Macmillan cancer charity on the 27th September

Brian Smith advised that he had not received any nominations for the positions of officers of the association, and that all the present officers were willing to stand for re election. This was proposed by Mr Bruce Wells and seconded by Mr Francis Hoffland.

It was noted that Betty Newbury, volunteered to join the committee, but as she was not asking to stand against and replace an existing officer, this was not voted on at the AGM, but would be put to the committee at the next meeting, as this would be an additional committee member.

AOB.

One member suggested that as we had made a loss on the Christmas social, that we should consider increasing the cost of each ticket. Debbie replied that the cost was kept low to encourage residents to come to the social, and that it was only a small loss. She also pointed out that we were a non profit making organisation, so if funds from one source helped fund another, it seemed to be acceptable.

Another member suggested we should increase the membership fee. Again Debbie pointed out that some of the homes had retired owners, or were single occupancy and again the fee was kept low to encourage membership, she reminded everyone of her welcoming speech, in which she said that members could make a donation, by paying more than the standard fee, if they wished to.

It was suggested we should try and get wheelie bins for the estate, but this was rejected by a huge majority.

It was pointed out that residents alighting from the 290 bus, on Nallhead road side of the A316, had to cross the busy roundabout at 3 points, and that this was very dangerous, particularly for some of our older resident, so could we press for pedestrian crossings. Debbie agreed this would be put on our next agenda.

Two residents asked again if TERA could supply a list of local tradesmen for members. Debbie replied that she could only produce a list if residents advised her that they wished to be included. She agreed that TERA would e mail all members to request this information. Kate reminded everyone that the list would not be able to go on the website, as any advertising was strictly forbidden, for residents association websites.

A resident complained about the use of the children's play area on Hanworth Park, by the St Michael Steiner school. Debbie pointed out that as this was not strictly on our estate, she was not sure we could take this up, but as it may

affect children of members, it would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

It was requested that we should try and obtain a microphone for future meetings as speakers could not be heard properly by members at the back of the hall. Brian confirmed that would be looked into.

Comments on membership forms.

It was suggested that the summer picnic become a BBQ, so that residents mixed more, as in the spirit of the war, instead of sitting in groups.

Residents should clear vegetation on Sunbury Way, where residents cross to/from bus stop.

Request for volunteers to assist older members, with gardening, and odd jobs. (willing to pay modest amount).

The AGM was then declared officially closed.