

MINUTES FOR TUDOR ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION'S AGM 9 MAY 2017

The AGM was held at the Royal Navy club, Hanworth

Present were: Debbie Adye – Chair
Nic Moore – Vice chair and projects
Avtar Sahi - Treasurer
Betty Newbury - Social Secretary
Brian Smith - Secretary.
Apologies for absence from Kate Taylor -IT

The meeting was opened at 19.30 by Debbie, who welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

She reminded them of the fire exits, that drinks were available at the bar, and that the annual subscriptions were now due.

Brian Smith – Secretary added his thanks to everyone for coming out to support our AGM.

He advised that there were also apologies for absence from, Francis & Bunty Taylor, and Freda Anderson.

Brian then read out the minute*s from last year's AGM, and requested a proposer to have the minutes accepted and recorded. A proposer Mr Bruce Wells, 7, Moatside, and seconded by Claire Galbraith, 3, Seymour Gardens, was followed by a show of hands of all members present. The minutes were thereby recorded as correct.

Debbie Adye – Chair, declared that there was not too much for her to report on, as her colleagues from the committee would give details of all forth coming events.

Debbie reminded everyone that the membership, now due, had reduced back down to £5 per household, as costs had been kept under control, and no unexpected expenses had occurred, meaning we have a sensible balance in our account.

Debbie also reminded us that there will be an award of 2 £50 prizes, which will be drawn at the Christmas Social for households that renew their membership by 1st June.

Debbie advised that on the first Sunday in July, the 2nd we shall be hosting another summer picnic, which we hope to hold on the grass in Moatside providing that we receive the OK from the residents of Moatside.

We are not intending to have a particular theme this year, just a nice afternoon get together, providing the weather plays ball.

The Christmas social is booked for Friday 15 December, and it will be held at the Naval Club as usual. We have not booked any entertainment yet and although we all liked Robbie Lee, we have booked him for the last 2 years and we are due for a change. Before Robbie Lee, we had the excellent 42nd street 2 years running as well. We were wondering about going back to a magician, but if anyone has any ideas or knows of an act which they think would be suitable, then please let us know, tonight or in the next week or so as we really must get on and make a decision, and a booking.

Debbie declared how much she appreciated living on our lovely estate, and hoped everyone else did as well. We should all appreciate how lucky we are to call this home. {Please do your bit to keep it that way by picking up the odd bit of litter and if your home has a tree outside on the verge, please water it if the weather is hot. Please be considerate of your neighbours when it comes to noise and parking, and keep an eye out for our older residents.

She finished by saying what an honour it was to work with the committee, and thanked them all for their hard work.

Nic Moore – Vice chair and projects, declared that we had been fortunate in having a fairly quiet year on the neighbourhood watch front, but that we must remain vigilant, and report anything suspicious to either Brian or Nic, or ring 101, but be sure to get a reference, and advise us, so that we can maintain our records. Nic has reported the lack of providing promised cover screening between the Power League, and the A316, near to the Curly bridge to our local councillor Hanif Khan, at a recent meeting with him, but has had no feedback yet. The structures on Feltham Brook, and Snakey lane are all under demolition orders, and although some of the higher structures have been removed, the rest still remain, and the council are monitoring, and will send in their own demolition team, if their order is not complied with.

Brian Smith – Secretary reported that unfortunately the Conmen are still operating on the A316 slip Road, in spite of 1 gang member being arrested, he will be going to court accused of Fraud, and 8 other members of, at least 3 gangs that are operating, being cautioned by the police. Our local Hanworth Park officers, with PCSO Ron Page taking a leading role, have attended practically instantly, when I have reported their presence to them, in fact one time Ron Page turned up in a plain police car, and was waved down by the conmen, the look of horror on their faces when they saw police officers step out, was fantastic. All of

the conmen are Romanian, and apparently come from Dunstable, so it shows it is worth their while, to travel all that way. Ron Page now makes it a part of his round when he is on duty, to park in the bus stop for 10 minutes, to deter the conmen. So due to our efforts they are not there as regular as they used to be, but they still turn up occasionally. If you see them report them firstly to Our local police, whose number I can give you if you do not have it (02082476363), if they are not available ring 101, and obtain a reference, and email it to me or the TERA email, so that we can keep a record of how often they are there.

Brian advised that the illuminated bicycle ride at Christmas, attracted a lot of interest, but this year we want more riders, on scooters, skateboards, prams or even walking, so long as you are lit up. Although it is not officially a charity event, donations are accepted at the Grays, where we all gather after the ride, for some very merry Mince Pies, and Mulled wine. And he warmly thanked the Grays for their efforts in staging this.

Brian also advised that we are still negotiating with TFL and Hounslow Council, over the sighting of the new bus stop on Sunbury Way, unfortunately every new proposal they put forward seems more ridiculous and unsafe than the previous ones, and that TFL have undertaken a study of the need to have pedestrian crossings across all the slip roads and Sunbury Way, for the bus stops, but deemed there have not been any accidents reported, so they do not feel it is necessary, it seems we need someone to be killed or injured before they will act, any volunteers.?, well I suppose everyone that crosses those roads is a volunteer really, the way the traffic flies around there. The latest idea is to cut back the bushes at the end of Sunbury Way, and reduce the height of the mound. Anyway watch this space; we have not given up yet.

Brian declared that we will be arranging another litter pick shortly, and would urge everyone who can to join in, the more people, the more areas we can cover. On the last pick 15 residents collected enough rubbish to fill the council truck that came to take it away.

Betty Newbury – Social secretary

Betty advised that our major social events have already been mentioned.

The picnic was a very enjoyable afternoon eventually, though the change of date caused by bad weather meant that fewer people were

able to attend. We hope the weather will be kinder this year and we do not need to postpone the event again.

The Christmas Social was another very enjoyable evening, with plenty of refreshments and a good raffle. There were some complaints about the difficulty of holding a conversation due to the volume of the music, so perhaps an alternative entertainment can be arranged for this year. The illuminated cycle ride was also very enjoyable, and many thanks go to the Gray family for their organisation and hospitality.

Book Group - we continue to meet each month and have read a very wide variety of books, mostly novels but the occasional non-fiction, some very recent releases and some older and classic books.

The suggestion of forming an evening group or to hold evening meetings were unfruitful with no response to the request in one of the newsletters. We will put the list of the books we have read on the website, with a few comments for any who are unable to attend meetings but would welcome some suggestions for their own reading.

Gardens - The suggestion to choose the best containers and hanging baskets last summer was a good idea, but unfortunately judging had to take place after many were past their best, however there many very impressive displays. The spring competition also suffered from a combination of an extra late Easter and a very warm season, so again many gardens were past their best. If we repeat these ventures the timing of judging will need to be more flexible.

Bulb Planting - We planted daffodils around most of the smaller trees and most flowered well. Unfortunately the verges have just been mown too close to most trees, cutting off the leaves too early, so there could be fewer flowers next spring. There are also a few gaps which we hope to fill this year.

New activities we are always looking for suggestions for new activities so if you have any bright ideas please let us know and we'll do what we can to introduce them.

Kate Taylor, is unfortunately not able to be here tonight, so she has asked me to report on her behalf with regards to the IT and website

Website we have had 1568 hits (visitors) more than last year, and are looking for other items to go on the website that is of interest to residents.

2017 Snooker Singles Competition - 12 competitors have been battling it out for the TERA Singles cup since January. This competition should be finished by the end of May. If anyone is interested in playing in the next snooker competition then please contact Steve Taylor via the website.

Avtar Sahi – Treasurer, presented a set of accounts, which although not officially audited, had been checked. John Card, who normally audits the accounts free of charge, has now retired, and Avtar thanked him for his past services. He requested whether anyone else on the estate, could undertake the task, and if so to contact him as soon as possible.

Income for the year was £2061.18, with expenditure at £1538.43, making a profit for the year of £522.75, add this to our present balance, and we now have a total of £2370.06

Nominations – Brian Smith, Secretary declared that no new nominations had been received for posts on the committee, and the present members were willing to stand again. A proposer that the committee be re elected was received from Mr Julian Crinall, 8, Shakespeare Way, and this was seconded by Mrs Rosemary Moore, 3, Elizabeth Way. A show of hands in favour of the motion was given, so the Committee members were duly re elected.

A.O.B - Brian Smith, Secretary. Advised that there had been 2 comments, on the membership renewal forms,

1) the inappropriate parking of vehicles, making it difficult for neighbours to manoeuvre around the estate. He therefore reiterated Debbie's comments, asking residents to park thoughtfully.

2) The area around the Arch on Elizabeth way, was inundated with rubbish, particularly where the Laurel hedge had been recently cut, revealing all of the rubbish. He reiterated his own words, in that we would be organising a litter pick, and the more residents that took part the more areas we could cover, but he would ensure that this particular area was targeted.

3) Mrs Julia Fanning asked if anything could be done about the graffiti under the A316, at the Mullers roundabout. Brian advised that this was not something which had been taken up by TERA, as most residents did not seem concerned, but he had personally been chasing TFL, for 2 years now, and in spite of earlier promises to clear it up, they now admit they do not have the funds. He was now going to chase up Thames Water, although he was sure they will just say it is TFL's responsibility. Another resident complained about the graffiti on the pathway, between Muller's and the A3126 Ramp, and Brian said he was not sure if that was Spelthorne or Hounslow, but would investigate.

Another resident complained about the large hole at the beginning of Moatside, and was informed that Hounslow Highways road resurfacing programme had Moatside down to be resurfaced this year.

With no more questions the AGM was officially closed at 20.45, and residents socialised until the hall was cleared at 21.30