

**Minutes of the AGM of
Tudor Estate Resident Association
Held at the Naval Association Hall, Tuesday 30 April 2019**

Present:

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| Debbie Adye | - | Chair |
| Nic Moore | - | Vice Chair and Projects |
| Avtar Sahi | - | Treasurer |
| Betty Newbury | - | Social Secretary |
| Kate Taylor | - | IT and Website |
| Brian Smith | - | Secretary |
| 33 Residents attended | | |

The meeting commenced at 19.30

Debbie Adye – Chair. Welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Debbie pointed out the fire exits, that drinks were available at the bar, and that membership/renewal subscriptions were now due.

Debbie then handed over to Brian Smith -Secretary to have the minutes of last years AGM, ratified, and recorded.

Brian added his thanks to those present for coming out tonight to support our AGM and confirmed that he needed to run through the minutes of last year's AGM.

2018 Minutes

'Debbie advised everyone, that we had the General Data Protection regulations come into effect, and each household should give written permission for TERA to hold their DATA.

These new rules stopped your information being distributed to marketing Companies, for cold selling.

We advised that there would be the usual Summer Picnic in July, and also that we were planning to pay homage to those that lost their lives in the first world war, and had purchased a number of oversize poppies, which would be displayed on the lamp posts around the estate.

The Christmas social was booked for 14th December.

We reported that the new bus stop was now in place and operating, but that TFL were still refusing to authorise pedestrian crossings.

There are new railings installed on the air park, opposite St Georges church, removing the original railings around the old children's play area, resulted in several visits from Travellers.

- Nic successfully arranged with Thames Water and LBH to have the 100 tonnes of fly tipped rubbish removed from under the A316, at the Dairy Crest (Muller) roundabout. Despite their bickering over who would bear the costs.
- Hanworth Park House would be holding an open day.
- Avtar produced the accounts showing that we had £1500 in the account
- Brian advised that he would be retiring from his position.

- Replying to a question in AOB, TFL admitted that they could not afford to have the graffiti under the A316 removed, and the area made secure, in spite of several promises to do just that.'

That concluded the minutes of the 2018 AGM, and Brian asked for a proposer to have the minutes accepted and recorded. Brian Fanning Proposed, and Martin Pratt seconded

Brian then asked Debbie Adye – to make her report.

Chair Report

Debbie advised that there was not very much for her to talk about this year as the good news is that we have had a “quiet time” on the Estate and her colleagues would be filling you in on the various things we have been involved in over the last 12 months and what we have on the go at the moment.

Debbie commented that the committee work hard to keep Tudor Estate Residents Association running. As you know Brian Smith needs to step down as Secretary but is willing to continue as a committee member as he is no longer able to give quite as much of his time as he did. Without a Secretary we cannot function and so we really do need someone to take this on and unless we get a volunteer to help, I do not know if we will be able to continue in the way we have.

Debbie then reminded, that subscriptions are due and the cost is only £5 per house although additional donations are always most welcome. Providing you make your payment by 1st June you will be entered into the Christmas prize draw where someone will win £50 which is a great start to the Christmas festivities.

As you know we try very hard to keep the expenses down but some items are unavoidable. It costs for us to rent this room for our AGM and we rent it again for the Christmas Social. Another necessary expense is insurance as it would be dangerous for us to operate without this.

Our income is only £5 per house (plus donations) x roughly 215 houses, which is the total on the Estate, and this would mean an income of £1,075 but of course not all are members. Our membership last year was 160 houses, which is the lowest it has ever been at 75% and I believe this was partially to do lethargy and the number of changes of occupants. It is very easy to sit back and not participate when things are going well which makes us a victim of our own success. 160 houses x £5 is £800 which is fine and manageable providing we do not have any crisis.

We fund the Christmas Lights competition and some other community get-togethers during the year and all of this costs money, and we have to work out what is the best use of our funds. The Christmas Social is funded by the ticket price and our funds and the intention is to break even. The take up on the Summer Picnic last year was poor which was a shame because the committee put in a lot of effort and there was some expense. Because of this we have decided not to hold a Summer Picnic this year and review this again for 2020.

The collecting of the annual subscriptions is always time consuming and involves a lot of footfall. To cut down on our time we have made a change this year. We are trying to make the process more efficient. You will have received a pink envelope with your Spring Newsletter and renewal form for you to pop your payment into and return it to the committee. We also intend to do away with the membership cards and rely on Email where possible to confirm your renewal which will save the trudging around the Estate which is time consuming.

Brian, Nic, Betty, Kate and Avtar will be speaking to you separately about the various things that have been going on in their particular fields.

Debbie then advised, that we had a meeting with one of our councillors back in March at which time we asked again for Zebra crossings to be installed on the roundabout below the flyover of the A316 to allow pedestrians to cross safely to access Hanworth and the 290 Bus route. I know many of you will say we also need a crossing on Sunbury Way and we will work on that once we have the A316 crossings

Another issue we raised was the poor state of the fencing along the A316 and lack of the promised "landscaping" at Power League "SUNBURY" which of course should be Power League "HANWORTH". The foliage was supposed to help deaden the noise generated and protect the houses in Sunbury Way from the site of the pitches, and the sorry state of the boundary fencing is a disgrace.

We also spoke with him about some issues specifically affecting a few of our residents on their behalf along with the poor state of the disused land at the top of Queens Way.

I do so very much appreciate living on our lovely Estate and I hope you do 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 in 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 who may not be getting our Email updates on security concerns or cannot get out on bad weather.

Debbie concluded by saying what an honour it is to work with Brian, Nic, Avtar, Betty and Kate on the Committee and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work over the last year.

Debbie then handed over to Nic Moore

Vice Chair and Projects Report

Nic made his neighbourhood watch report, confirming that whilst 2018 was reasonably quiet, 2019 proportionally, has to date, been particularly bad. We have had vehicles vandalised, and items stolen from garages, these being stolen in moments, whilst the owners were not seen to be in the garages.

We have had numerous burglaries, sometimes with the owners actually in the property, the most recent was in Raleigh Way, where access was through a small quarter light above the main window. The elderly resident was at home.

All incidents that are reported on the TERA website, are passed on to the police within 24 hours, where possible.

There is still a local drugs problem, if anything is seen, please report it to the police via 101. Do not get personally involved.

Nic reminded everyone that Chestnut Sunday was coming up, at Bushey Park on the 12th May, and that it was always great fun for all the family.

Also coming up, was the Hanworth Classic Car Show, also in Bushey Park, on Sunday the 30th June. Please come and enjoy a friendly day out. If you fancy a go at Jive/Lindy Hop/Bee Bop, just pop a donation into a collecting bucket, and we will get someone to take you for a dance. All proceeds go to Shooting Star, hospice, and last year we raised £17,202.00

Nic then called Brian Smith

Secretary's report.

Brian advised that The Summer Picnic, was held on July 8th, with a pirate's theme, and there were a number of Pirate games for the children, including a tennis ball firing ship's cannon, and, a couple of committee members even came in full fancy dress.

Unfortunately, the attendance was fairly low, and it takes a lot of effort to organise the various activities. So, as Debbie mentioned, it was decided not to hold a summer picnic this year, which is a shame.

We also held a scarecrow competition, This, of course was aimed mainly at the children, but sadly very few took part, are they really too wrapped up in their phones and games consoles, to enjoy a good old-fashioned, make something, competition, it would seem so.

We also organised a remembrance commemoration, beginning with the playing of the last post, beside a soldier silhouette, at the junction of Queens and Elizabeth, followed by a walk around the estate to take in the tea lights given to every house, and displayed on their boundaries, which looked spectacular. The attendance for this event was fantastic, and a very enjoyable, but sombre evening was had by all.

The Christmas social, was fairly well attended, with Magic Billy, delighting the children. If anyone has any ideas for future entertainment, then please let a committee member know your thoughts.

Hanworth Park house held a very successful open day, and the organising committee have great hopes for its future.

The Christmas lights competition, again made the estate look wonderful, and I even heard of families from off the estate, who came to look at the lights, so let's get even more houses involved this year.

The illuminated cycle ride was again well attended, ending with the usual jolly evening at Brenda and David Gray, who organise the charitable event.

Debbie and Nic met with one of our local councillors, as Debbie outlined in her speech, putting various relevant questions, and we will be chasing him for answers.

The annual snooker competition is now in its final phase, with the shield being fought out between Steve Taylor, and Vic Burton, and a big thanks to Steve for organising this event, and don't forget the doubles competition will be coming soon.

We will be organising another litter pick, hopefully in mid-May, a little later than originally planned, once we can get in contact with LBH, to take away the rubbish. Since their move into the new Council offices, all phone contacts have changed, and nobody seems to be aware of new telephone numbers.

So look out for our confirmation of the date, and let us get more people involved, especially the children, than the usual loyal participants, who turn out every time.

There are leaflets about the police OWL register, which everyone with an email, should subscribe to, as it will keep you informed of activities in and around our area.

In fact, breaking news, our local police officers, "gained entry", this afternoon, to the vehicle that has been abandoned, at the Sunbury Way end of Shakespeare Way, so the council can now remove it.

Brian then handed over to Betty Newbury

Social report

Betty thought that she did not have a lot to report, as most events had been covered by Brian. The book club was going from strength to strength, with another new member joining recently. Most of the books they had read, or were currently reading were displayed on a table at the side of the hall. She informed us that she was encouraging a relationship with Tudor Court Residents Association and inviting them to join in our social events, in fact one member had entered our snooker competition. Betty also reported that the friends of Hanworth House, would be holding their AGM shortly, and anyone interested in going along, could get the details from Betty.

Betty then handed over to Kate Taylor

Website Report

Kate advised residents, not to forget, that the website was provided for their information, and use, so if anyone had anything they wanted to promote, just email TERA, and she would ensure it went on the website. The only thing that was not allowed, was to advertise a business.

Kate advised that she was thinking of starting a craft club, and anyone interested should contact her, so that she could judge the amount of interest. Also, Betty and Kate were hoping to arrange something instead of the Summer picnic, perhaps a BBQ, and requested suggestions.

Kate then handed over to Avtar Sahi

Treasurer report.

Avtar, provided an income and expenditure sheet for the year ending March 31st 2019. He advised that subscriptions were at about the same level as year ending 2018. The Summer picnic and Christmas social, made a very small loss each, but not as much as last year's Christmas social, where the entertainment was fairly expensive. We made a saving on Insurance, and therefore had a closing balance of £1633.62, slightly up on last years £1520.21.

The floor was again handed over to Brian Smith -Secretary for the

Nominations

Brian declared, as most of you will be aware, he was retiring from the position of secretary, as, due to family commitments, he cannot guarantee being able to give the time, the position necessitates, and therefore Jamie Thomson has agreed to take on the roll. Brian hopes to carry on as a committee member, as the work is very rewarding, and I do love meeting all our residents, and of course the present committee are a great bunch of people, and are dedicated to the work they do.

John Adye proposes that Jamie Thomson is nominated, and Kate Taylor seconded. Those in attendance agree.

It is proposed by John Card, that we accept and agree the accounts, and this is seconded by Rosemary Moore, again those in attendance agree.

The rest of the committee are prepared to stand for re-election, and this is proposed by Julian Crinall and seconded by Steve Taylor, and again all in attendance agree.

Therefore, all nominations, and the accounts, are agreed and accepted.

AOB

We then moved on to Any other Business, and requested questions, or comments from the floor. Brian requested that members give their name, and address as they speak.

- 1) A Member of Queens Ave, enquired whether it was normal for the water course behind her property, to dry up.

Answer: Debbie, advised that the water does dry up on a regular basis, due to the rainfall, or lack of it.

2 other residents of Queens Ave, thought it was worse this year due to the water works, damming the water course, during their building work.

Debbie advised that she was not aware of any damming in the water works, and confirmed that the committee would look into the situation, and advise residents.

- 2) 2 new members of the estate raised concerns about the number of Burglaries, that had been reported, and the lack of information on how they happened.

Answer: Debbie advised that, although it seems like there were a lot of burglaries, in fact compared to the rest of the Hanworth/Feltham area, we were very low, according to statistics put out by the local police. In regards to the amount of information, on each burglary, most incidents, are reported by the police, or a local resident, who had heard about it, and under the data protection laws, we are not allowed to give personal information out without the residents approval, and with most burglaries, the victims do not contact us direct. We are aware that many of the burglaries, are minor incidents, garages, sheds etc, but cannot differentiate without the victim's authority, and of course without the proper information, we cannot speculate, on what type of burglary, or how it occurred.

A member thought we should use social media, to advise residents, faster, but Kate advised that the same restrictions would hamper, any improvement.

It was also suggested that this would enable residents to notify everyone, of any "Dodgy" or strange persons seen to enter the estate.

- 3) A member asked for the date of the Christmas social.

Answer - Kate advised it was Friday 6 December.

- 4) A member asked who was responsible for the ramps to and from the A316 at the Mullers roundabout.

Answer. Brian informed that it was TFL, as the A316 is a red route, TFL assume responsibility, but if he is talking about the litter that graces the up ramp, cleaning is still down to LBH. They have been requested on a couple of occasions, to organise a clean-up, but say it is difficult, because they have to close the ramp, due to Health and Safety issues.

- 5) A member of Queens Ave, asked if it was possible to purchase the land, at the rear where the horses graze.

Answer: Nic advised that the land was owned by the council, who rent it out to the owner of the horses. They had been requested on a number of occasions to tidy the area up, but to no avail.

There were no more questions, so the AGM was declared closed.