

South Ruislip Residents' Association

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Quarterly Meeting Held at St Mary's Church On Wednesday 26th July 2017.

AGENDA

- 1. Opening Remarks.**
- 2. Apologies for Absence.**
- 3. Minutes of Meeting.**
- 4. Matters Arising.**
- 5. Reports: Chairman, Treasurer, CRS, Secretary.**
- 6. Reports from Ward Councillors.**
- 7. Any other Business**

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING ON 25 October 2017 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL THE FAIRWAY 8 PM

1. Opening Remarks

Jeremy Wasden chaired and opened the meeting at 8pm in the Vice Chair's absence. Jeremy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance were 56 residents and 9 committee members. Councillors present Cllr Kelly, and Kauffman.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Sid Jackson and Jenny Hunt.

3. Minutes

No comments on the minutes or the extra minutes except that one resident felt that the paragraph concerning an increase in subscriptions should have been on the front page of the extra minutes.

4. Matters arising

The Old Dairy

The Old Dairy (the former ARLA site) has now opened. In general people felt that it was better than many people had thought it would be.

Concerns were raised over the design, signage and traffic light operation at the road junction leading to the "Old Dairy". Jeremy Wasden asked people to email him their concerns and he would pass these on to Cllr Kauffman who said that he would discuss the concerns with the council officers.

LIDL

Jeremy advised that LIDL still plan to be open before Christmas 2017. [This has since been pushed back to early 2018]

HS2

Jeremy advised that the Government have appointed contractors for phase one and that phase two to the north of England is now being planned.

It is thought that the drilling of boreholes will start locally in October 2017 and the proposed works in Station Approach / West End Road and Bridgewater Road will start in early 2018./

As previously advised:

- Sid has written to the chair of the HS planning committee to ensure that the window for works in Station Approach / West End Road and Bridgewater Road are large enough to complete the works without running at the same time.
- There will be about 50 lorries a day at certain times as they remove spoil from the vent shaft at the old ARLA site.

RAF Northolt Open Day

The Family day at RAF Northolt (Norfest 2017) resulted in the 20 new SRRA members being signed up and helped raised the profile of SRRA. Jeremy thanked all SRRA members and particularly the executive committee members who gave up their time to make this event possible.

RAF Northolt Runway

It is anticipated that the MOD will go ahead for the replacement for the runway which will mean the runway is closed between April and October 2018 to fix wing aircraft, but will be open for helicopters.

Improvements to South Ruislip

Cllr Kauffman advised that the following improvements are to take place:

- A raft of improvements in South Ruislip starting at the former Gerard Motor showroom and extending down Victoria Road and along both sides of Station Approach will include; new paving, street furniture, trees, dropped kerbs, grass verges ,benches, junction improvements and the resurfacing of station approach . It is envisaged that that this will dramatically improve the look of South Ruislip and benefit all residents.
- Approval for a skate park with CCTV on the field opposite Field End School has been obtained.

- The designs for a boxing club, football club and a number of new football pitches on the former site of the Ventures Boys Club have been produced.
- The Fair that has in the past been allowed on the Field End playing fields will no longer be allowed following a spike in burglaries and anti-social behaviour at the time of this years fair.
- The Council have issues a consultation document in respect of parking along a stretch of the Victoria Road and neighbouring side roads to gauge public opinion to the installation of a parking scheme.

Cllr Kelly advised that a new bus route number 278 is planned to link the south and north of the borough is planned but the route is not yet known.

Community Voice

Linda advised us of a recent presentation made in respect of the “Northwood Live at Home Scheme” Which is a church based organisation that aims to tackle isolation and promote independence and wellbeing, Details can be found at <http://www.mha.org.uk/community-support/live-home/northwood>.

It is understood that this charity has been adopted by the local branch of Waitrose as their charity of the year and has been granted some funding by them.

Community Voice is in need of more members so please contact Linda for more details.

5. Reports

5.1 Vice Chairman - nothing to report.

5.2 Secretary – nothing to report.

5.3 Treasurer – current account balance £948, deposit account £12366. Colin reminded Road Stewards to please pay in their subscriptions.

5.31 Subs Increase

Colin introduced the topic of an increase in subs as raised in the last newsletter and discussed the reasons for this following the decline in revenue and the time since the last increase. A vote was taken and the measure passed with no votes against. Subs to increase in 2018.

5.4 Chief Road Steward – All roads now have a road steward and special thanks were given to Frances Jones who has recently retired as a road steward after decades of service and managed to find a replacement for her road.

Subs Increase

6. Reports for Ward Councillors

Please see above: Improvements to South Ruislip

7. Any Other Business

David Seaman expressed concern at the level of service that he has received from the Hillingdon Civic Centre call reception service and Cllrs Kelly and Kaufman agreed to contact Fran Beasley on behalf of residents.

CLLR Kaufman agreed to find out the status of the service road adjacent to the former Gerard Motors that now leads to the new Bellway homes development as someone appears to be using it to sell second hand cars from it.

Whilst the Police had been invited to the meeting they had been unable to attend and whilst this was possibly due to work commitments it was felt unfortunate that no one from the force had sent their apologies to the Secretary.

Residents in Long Drive expressed concern that at about 7 am a black motor bike races up and down Long Drive, Jeremy advised that it was important for residents to report this on 101 to the police on every occasion it happens so that the Police can build up a picture of this anti-social behaviour.

Lynne Kauffman drew resident's attention to the fact that most Police stations will be closed over the next three to five years. It is proposed that at the end of this exercise one police station for the borough will be in Hayes. Lynne asked residents to email in their concerns to the address shown on the “News Extra leaflet “

Elaine advised that after the October 2017 half term the children's play area in Stonefield Park will be renovated.

Cllr Alan Kaufman agreed to invite Cllr Keith Burrows and Officers from the Traffic and Planning departments to the next Quarterly Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.40 pm.