

# South Ruislip Residents' Association

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**Quarterly Meeting Held at St Mary's Church On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL THE FAIRWAY 8 PM**

## **1. Opening Remarks**

Vice Chairman Sid Jackson chaired and opened the meeting at 8pm. Sid welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance were 58 residents and 8 committee members. Councillors present Cllrs Teji Barnes, Allan Kauffman, Eddie Lavery, Hurhangee and Heena Makwana.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Frances Jones, Geoff Quantock and Cllr Steve Tuckwell.

## **3. Minutes**

No comments on the minutes

## **4. Fr Eric Lobsinger**

Fr Eric Lobsinger, and vicar of St Marys introduced himself. A fellow resident of SRRA. Fr Eric was keen to stress that the parish church for South Ruislip is open to all at St Mary's.

## **5. Boris Johnson MP**

Our constituency MP arrived with invitation to address the SRRA.



Boris Johnson started off by saying he was pleased with progress in his time at the Foreign office. Now has a Zimbabwe back on side and wanting to be involved with commonwealth again, and Angola wants to join commonwealth. Stuck it to Russia. Please with international response after Salisbury incidents. Expanded the diplomat service, now the largest in Europe.

Some difficult matters are ahead though. On Heathrow he wants to see in future what John McDonnell's actions will be and Boris may well end up in front of bulldozers in time. But the major issue which he was steeling himself for was Brexit.

The plan to leave is not perfect, it is a glitched outcome, leaving the country locked in the pull of the EU. Not really taking control of our destiny neither inside or out of the EU. So he can't support it. Want a free trade deal. Don't want foreign adjudication of laws and rules and control. London continues to grow. Don't want to be regulated. Need to be innovative. Chuck Chequers. Need space to do our own work for and as UK business. Want to do free trade with other countries. 5<sup>th</sup> largest biggest economy in the world. Why be tied to the EU?

Still proud to be a member of parliament and support the conservative government and serve the constituents.

Much aggravation caused by HS2, and now Boris is free to campaign for the side he wishes to. Such as issues including excessive noise pollution from Heathrow.

The conservative government is doing a good job. The country is productive and the economy growing.

He praised the good work of Hillingdon council. Felt that the work of the council had propelled him to the summit.

Opened to Questions

**Given government lack of movement why not have a second referendum?**

On Brexit again. Felt that the government had failed to take crucial decisions in time but now putting the question back to the people would be an abdication of responsibility. Clear mandate to deliver. Must be done.

Negative views not proved of the Brexit so far. Britain is going to prosper either way.



Also Brexit was divisive. Set people against each other. Not a happy view to have another. More toxins in public.

And yes he felt that he had underestimated the red bus figure rather than under!

The agenda in EU is to create a federal government. Not something that Britain signed up for.

Irish border should be frictionless for goods.

### **What about Gibraltar?**

Gibraltar is inviolable. Treaty of Utrecht 1713- the treaty should be observed.

### **What about local crime including knife crime?**

Local crime. Crime rates in London. Police – not give the support they need. Mechanism to support CCTV in the area (Cllr Kauffman).



Mayor had war chest of £600M. No need to close Uxbridge police station. Police need confidence to use the full power of the law. Won't be supported to carry out stop and search.

What is needed is a colossal wave of stop and search. Coloration to murder rate and stop and search numbers. Can only have strong policing with strong support.

Petition for speed humps in the Fairway. Other traffic calming local issues mentioned such as pedestrian crossing outside Lidl. Defer to council.

Beds in Sheds. A serious issue.

Again he must defer to Hillingdon's good work.

## **6. Tea Break**

(Thank you for the teas!)

## **7. New Ward Councillors**

New ward councillors introduced themselves: Cllr Henna Makwana of Cavendish Ward and Cllr Vanessa Hurhangee of South Ruislip and said they, and Cllr Steve Tuckwell, keen to engage on local issues.

## **8.0 Lidl**

Road and landscaping – difference of opinion to be resolved.

Spoken about the crossing and further work to be completed when Hillingdon and Lidl in agreement.

## **9.0 HS2**

Protests ongoing. No dates on when work starts, contractors needed first.

Breakspear Road South closed for 6 weeks.

## **10.0 Traffic Congestion on Victoria Road.**

Sid wrote to Cllr Burrows and invited him to meeting but he was unable to attend previously. Sid asked to be sent information / reports on Victoria Road – still waiting. Sid is going to write to Cllr Puddifoot asking for clarity on the council's position with reference to residents associations as they don't seem to respond.

Asked for an update from Cllr Kauffman on the issues. We are in limbo.

## **11.0 McDonalds**

SRRA are objecting to the McDonalds planning request for a unit in Victoria Road in carpark of Curry's close to Queensmead School. Objection lodged along with an E –petition and a petition was raised at the meeting and delivered to Hillingdon Council.

## 12.0 RAF Northolt.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RAF Northolt, with the RAF Baton. Sid carried from the base to the War Memorial. Sid is Ex RAF.

## 13.0 Any Other Business

### 13.1 Christine – Air Quality Monitors

Air quality sensors. Who monitors? Do we have mobile units to monitor this? Air quality is monitored and monitors followed by officers. Allan would speak to officers. What is and what can be done?

Monitor data - who owns the data. What can be done?

Data can be found here: [http://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/?la\\_id=199](http://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/?la_id=199)

Discuss smell from the dump especially in Raybourne Mead. Environmental officers have monitored this.

### 13.2 Land with Horses Near to A40 East Slip

Raised by Kate – golf club. Site owned by the council confirmed by Council. Appear to be creating a driveway area. Allan to look at this purpose. Aware of land fill on golf site – spoil was being monitored. Keen to get more information on use of the site.

### 13.3 Cllr Teji Barnes/Eddie Lavery – update on Cavendish issues

Cllr Barnes:

Field End School. Chrysalis fund £68k – build a library and community centre to bring in reading skills.

Money awarded to Autistic/ADHD centre in Field End Road.

Keen to spend the ward budget in the community – Cllrs open to suggestions.

Newnham signage/pavements renewed and Appledore new pavements.

Queenswalk speed on Fairway and Long Drive – petition with lead petitioner Graham Ball. One resident had car, driven through wall into garden. Elderly driver lost control of vehicle.

Sid called for a holistic approach across South Ruislip and Cavendish to traffic calming. Ideally with a 20mph speed limit around the area.

Autumn street surgery – welcome to join the cllrs.

Cllr Lavery:

Eastcote refurb going ahead. Field End Road lights improved. Get rid of planters made in brick to make area more attractive.

Torcross Road discussion on the gating of the road which backs the brook. Wrote to 100 houses and received 13 replies. Split 10 in favour 3 against. In order to go forward with this the council would need a far stronger level of support for action. This was discussed with Torcross residents in the meeting.

Traffic scheme Eastcote. 20mph scheme to be put in place.

Railway line mural disappeared. Why not restore? This is in storage but sadly was rapidly falling apart.

### 13.4 Cllr Allan Kauffman – update on South Ruislip issues

New outdoor gym in Dean Park. To be fitted in September

Field End Rec Park open 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> for Skaters

Contractors working on boxing and football building. Working on the access road first. To be complete in Feb/March next year.

Put in for a tranche of roads for pavements and roads but all got was a water fountain but continuing to push for them.

Loosing a lot of trees which have recently be installed due to drought. These will be replaced by the contractor and for there is on the £100 fine parking on the pavement. Send pictures of vehicles doing this including their number plate to your ward councillor.

Bicycles on South Ruislip Station fence – asked officers to catch person doing it.

Further discussion on traffic such as Victoria Road in the area. Cllr Burrows disappointed with Rydal Way parking restrictions but did not come through following request. No follow through. Dennis Blackett to write to Cllr Kauffman on this issue. We explained that we are disappointed with the Transport Dept at Hillingdon Council and their responses clearly to the Cllr's present due to inaction or lack of communication. Cllr Kauffman agreed to come back on the issue.

Mitch – traffic calming petition raised for Long Drive. Witnessed near accident.

South Ruislip Cladding of the bridge. High level talks – it will done part of regeneration of the town centre.

Harvey Road – travellers occupying space their

Refuse bin – thank you Allan for the addition of this by St Gregory's church which has made a difference to refuse in the area. Appreciate trees and bin on the triad on The Fairway, Steve Tuckwell thanked for action. Lost bin near ALDI.

Meeting Closed 21.52

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