

NORTHWEST WIMBLEDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting – Wednesday 1st September 2021

Zoom at 7.30 pm

Web Summary

1. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 2nd June 2021 and Matters arising
JW reported that:-
 - 1.1. The agreed oak trees on the BH site had been purchased in advance but not yet planted.
 - 1.2. 32 Copse Hill oak tree removal approved
2. Treasurer reported:-
 - 2.1. The auditor had agreed the Report & Accounts and that they would be signed off by the AGM.
 - 2.2. The breakdown of payments has been so far:-
241 residents have paid; 355 have not (yet) paid. This is up on last year.
90 paid by Paypal , 90 paid by Direct debit; 55 paid their Road Rep
3. Membership Secretary reported that:-
 - 3.1. Recruitment of RoadReps – especially for Copse Hill was still a problem. The general feeling of the meeting was that, despite the automation of the subscription payments, the RoadReps were still an important part of the Association's activities. It was agreed to try to recruit more RoadReps at the AGM and by way of the web-site.
4. The future of the Association
 - 4.1. A major concern for the future of the Association has been the absence of a successor to JW. A possible successor had been invited and subject to a further meeting with Committee members would be presented to the AGM
5. Planning Management
JW reported that:-
 - 5.1. The Drax Avenue birch tree; a different arboriculturist had downgraded it to C which meant it could be removed, though it was still hoped that it would not be necessary. – awaiting planning permission.
 - 5.2. The proposed development at 34 Holland Ave had been objected to and Cllr Thomas Barlow approached for support should it go to committee.
 - 5.3. 20 Ernle Rd solar panels;- had gone to appeal. No comments were permitted but the NWWRA representation to Merton, which was forwarded to the planning inspectorate had been withdrawn.
 - 5.4. School Streets; It was generally considered that the signage for these was badly sited, too verbose, and the “non-term times” very uncertain. Flashing orange lights during the relevant times were considered to be more appropriate and safer for children and drivers. NWWRA had already added to the consultation regarding Hollymount School, but would add the suggestion of flashing lights. JW to action.
6. Several members are for various reasons leaving the Committee. Recruitment activity at the AGM and on the web-site, and by email to residents will be undertaken.
7. WURA & AELTC
The committee discussed the AELTC proposal. Despite the benefits AELTC brings to Wimbledon it was considered that the proposal was in breach of the AELTC's earlier undertaking and threatening to the related Metropolitan Open Land, and that on these grounds we should object.
8. AOB
there were some concerns being expressed about skip lorries, but it is difficult build or refurbish without skips and their means of movement it was felt only Copse Hill was affected by lorries, where building was not local, and being a local distributory road unlikely to be a reason for stopping them. WURA had circulated a response from Wimbledon Park RA.