

Decisions of the Hendon Residents' Forum

26 October 2016

Members Present –

Councillor Sury Khatri (Chairman)

Councillor John Hart (Vice-Chairman)

1. Rubbish at the back of the properties at 49-57 Church Road and in Ravenshurst Avenue

Mr Mistry expressed concern that the problem had been longstanding and questioned whether it was because residential units were in existence without planning permission. He complained that bins are left open which attracted flies.

The Chairman requested that Mr Mistry keeps a record of the regularity of collections and feeds this back to him with photos, by email. Mr Mistry agreed to do this.

2. Parking in Ravenshurst Avenue

It was confirmed to Mr Mistry that whether a person is a tenant or owner occupier, either are considered to be residents of the street and have the right to park.

3. Brent Street parking

The Officer response was noted.

4. Controlled Parking Zone – WH3

Judy Shepherd of Montague Residents Association said she has for many years been complaining about the parking difficulties caused by Out of school activities being held at ACE School but to date there has been very little or no action nor any enforcement and had requested parking controls being introduced. Highway officers confirmed that a CPZ review would commence at the beginning of November and local residents would be contacted for their views.

Concern was also expressed about the level of pollution in the road caused by parents sitting in their cars with their engines idling on for long periods of time. Chris Lai who lives in the street asked whether pollution levels can be monitored.

The Chairman agreed that Kitran Eastman should make enquiries about monitoring of pollution levels and to report back to the next forum meeting.

5. Flooding on The Greenway, Colindeep Lane, Rushgrove Avenue

Andrew Dismore said he was pleased to see that progress was being made and requested to be kept in the loop.

Councillor O-Macauley asked for a speedy response and update post 8 November meeting as there is always a continuing risk of flooding in the summer.

6. Hendon Way Traffic Lights

Andrew Dismore reiterated his concern that the junction is too dangerous and a right turn filter is needed to make it safer and requested that representations are made to Transport for London. Highway officers responded that they are happy to make further representations to TfL.

The Chairman requested to be kept updated on actions.

7. Parking in Garden City and Manns Road, Edgware

The Officer response was noted.

8. Resurfacing on Bittacy Rise

Andrew Dismore expressed concern that the Surface Dressing method had not worked. Officers provided more background to Surface Dressing stating that:

- 127 Roads had been treated in this manner
- There were some issues with the quality of the work which are being addressed
- The Surface Dressing approach was a proved and trusted method for many highway authorities
- There is a 24-month warranty and defects are rectified at the contractor's expense.
- Scrubbing marks are often caused by poor steering
- Matters are being investigated further with the Main and Sub-contractor and monitoring is still on-going and the service has not yet signed off the completed works
- Surface Dressing issues can be temperature susceptible. A good time to review would be in Spring.
- Works are inspected on a regular basis.
- There should be little loose chipping after a 12 or 18 month period.

The Chairman requested that he is kept updated on plans to monitor and review the resurfacing works and to be notified of a likely timescale for the process.

9. Better signage to alert drivers that they are approaching a school Speed humps on Clovelly Avenue, Speed cameras along Colindeep Lane

The officer response was noted.

10. Garage on Perryfield Way

The Chairman informed the meeting that Officers had visited the Garage and met the owner.

The Chairman said he expects the issue to be resolved by the end of the week.

11. #SaveBarnetDiving

Officers reiterated advice given in the written response regarding the constitutional procedure for dealing with petitions. In particular, when the number of signatories reaches 7,000, the threshold for referring the petition to Full Council will have been reached. This will enable debate at full council.

Councillor John Hart stated that the petition has his full support and advised that they work with their Assembly Member to increase the profile and funding possibilities.

Councillor O-Macauley also voiced his support for the petition and encouraged more people to add their signatures.

It was noted that there were 15 calendar days until Full Council and to act fast and invited residents to add their voice to the petition.

The Chairman also added his support for the petition.

12. Church Farmhouse Museum building

Mr Gerrard Roots said that the ARG Committee meeting in December 2014 was misled as, in the Terms of the Lease, he cannot see where there would be provision of community use of the building and questioned whether there has been community consultation to help shape use of the building. He said he thought it was a disgrace that there was no process in place to support public use of the building in the future.

The Chairman reminded M Roots of the officer written response and asked officers to update him when more information was available to the public on hiring of the premises and community use of the building.

13. Land to rear of Ravensfield House

Mr T Mason said he was speaking on behalf of himself and 5 other residents. He said that he had no dispute with what is on the agenda. However his issue was what was missing from the agenda – ie publication of negotiations so far with respect to purchase of Land at the rear of Ravensfield House and his and residents complaint against the Council due to its complete lack / slow progress of engagement with them as they had been trying for some 15 years to resolve the matter . He updated the Forum with the news that since that Forum in January 2016, he had made a formal complaint to the Ombudsman and written letters to the Leader of Barnet Council and other ward councillors.

The Chairman updated Mr Mason with the news that a Valuation had been received but not yet reviewed and advised that he waits for a response from Estates.

14. Bowling Clubs

The Chairman allowed Mr Geoff Johnson to address the Forum. Mr Johnson said that the issue of the impact on the future of Bowling Clubs was raised at the Environment Committee meeting in September and there had been great concerns that to achieve savings of £100k per annum, the approach to self Management of the Clubs would seriously impact on the future viability of the clubs and would likely lead to closure of the club(s), in particular he was concerned about the impact on the Blind and Partially sighted person who use the Mill Hill Bowling facilities at Mill Hill Park.

The Chairman noted these comments.

The Chairman closed the meeting and informed the attendees that the next Forum meeting would be held on 24th January 2017.