

TOTTERIDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF 79th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON Tuesday 5th July 2016
AT KEMP HALL, ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL,
TOTTERIDGE GREEN N20
AT 8.15PM

Totteridge Residents' Association **Chairman, Kerin Conn**, welcomed everyone to the **79th AGM**, particularly the two **Guest Speakers: Theresa Villiers MP**, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and **Matthew Pead**. Also welcomed were: **Richard Cornelius**, Leader of the London Borough of Barnet, Cllr. **Alison Cornelius**; Cllr **Caroline Stock**, our local Police Officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, Sgt. **John Hourihan** and PC **Susan Ianelli**; **Diane Murphy** from the London Wildlife Trust; and **Terry Bannister**, Chairman of the Totteridge Manor Association.

Apologies were received from Nigel Wray, **Paul Davis**, George Burgoyne, Barbara Wishart.

1. Approval of Minutes of 78th AGM held on Thursday 18th June 2015

The minutes of the 78th AGM had been distributed and placed on the TRA Website and were available in the Hall.

Approval of the minutes was Proposed by Paul Flashman
Seconded by terry Bannister

2. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The approval of the accounts was Proposed by Alexander Masson
Seconded by Diane Murphy

Questions were answered on

The Bank Deposit account

Standing Order a facility to pay in this way was available and was encouraged.

3. Subscriptions

The subscription will remain at £5 **Minimum** per household.

4. Election of President: Eileen Eskenzi.

Election of Vice-Presidents: Rev Tim Seago, Nigel Wray, Paul Davis.
Proposed Adam Conn
Seconded Patrick Riley

5. Election of Committee

Chairman, Kerin Conn; Vice-Chairman George Burgoyne; Secretary Barbara Wishart; Treasurer, Michael Lim; and the existing Committee members: Claire Bannister, Michael Caro, Jenny Ellis, Paul Flashman, Alexander Masson and Christine Riley offered themselves for re-election.

Proposed Antony Eskenzi
Seconded Richard Stock

6. Election of Independent Examiner Taylors Chartered Accountants

Proposed Lindy Seago
Seconded George Bard

7. Police report Sgt John Hourihan

Sgt Hourihan explained that he was the Ward Sergeant and that recent changes had been brought about by necessity . Totteridge Ward will now have one extra police officer with a sergeant who will be in charge of 3 wards. There will be a return to the Safer Neighbourhood Team system and a return to involvement with Junior Schools

A recent murder in Woodside Park was discussed and the Police were paying particular attention to that area. Totteridge ward is a relatively safe neighbourhood. He gave advice on car theft prevention and warned residents about recent scams.

Questions

1. A resident living in **Barnet Lane** had started a petition requesting a 20mph speed limit along Barnet Lane where many motorists were driving dangerously fast.
2. The use of speed guns **will continue Totteridge Lane. Speed guns can be provided to test the speed of cars on Barnet Lane by residents in high-visibility vests without charges being brought to motorists**
3. Congestion at the junction of Greenway and Longland Drive caused by parked cars.

8. Guest Speaker: Theresa Villiers MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Theresa Villiers paid tribute to the work of the Totteridge Residents Association committee for providing great leadership for the local community and playing a considerable role in local conservation. She referred to the recent political events, the referendum on Brexit, and emphasised that the result of the referendum does not mean isolationism and that trading with our neighbours was important and will be developed without being bound by European laws. She was sad that the Prime Minister had stood down and thought David Cameron had been a great prime minister

It was important to discuss local issues. The possible building of a new Academy for 2000 pupils would have an effect on surrounding traffic pathways. The possible development of the Whale bone site in Barnet was aired.

Additional responsibility has now been given back to local Police officers .With regard to public transport , the Northern line was now running mainly on time and the threat to the local bus service had been plugged by TFL. The recent referendum would be prove to be eventful but she aimed to always make strong representation on local issues affecting the Borough of Barnet which of course included Totteridge.

10. AOB

Questions and comments from the floor were answered on the following topics:

1. A member expressed his concern on her decision to vote for Brexit and was worried that his children would lose opportunities for jobs in the future. **He asked if Ms Villiers would be willing to meet a group of 21-25 year olds to discuss the implications of Brexit on their future and she agreed to do so.**
2. Bus service to Finchley Memorial Hospital was inadequate and totally hopeless for people without their own transport
3. Concern expressed on protecting the Greenbelt as councils were already releasing sections for housing development.
4. How would Brexit affect the border between Northern Ireland and Ireland
5. Another member congratulated Theresa Villiers on voting for brexit.
6. The presence of a crane overhanging the traffic on Totteridge Lane
7. A proposal for a graveyard had been refused

8. Cllr Cornelius stated that the building of houses was encouraged in places where it was appropriate.

9. The future of Darlands was still under consideration

10. A member castigated the system where Appeals were heard/decided by an Inspectorate based in Bristol and that decisions were taken by people with no local knowledge whatsoever.

11. A resident who had lived in Oaklands Rd for 83 years wished to know what was classified as permissible development on greenbelt having witnessed the building of a large secondary school, a table tennis Club, a Cricket Club, a commercial Football School under current construction and a further new school seeking planning permission all along Barnet Lane.

11. Matthew Pead gave a brief resume of his article in the Yearbook

He encouraged everyone to dig down to a depth of 18 inches and examine the layers in the soil

He answered questions on

Underground streams

A spring under the ancient Yew Tree in St Andrews Churchyard.

The low presence of fossils in clay soil

The Chairman closed the meeting, thanked the President, Eileen Eskenzi, the Committee, and in particular the Road Stewards for all the hard work involved **and asked if anyone interested in becoming a Road Steward to contact the committee as there are a couple of vacancies. There will also be an event for road stewards later in the year** and thanked Theresa Villiers MP .Matthew Pead and the Councillors for attending the TRA AGM.

The members were reminded that they could keep up with the TRA activities by looking at the website www.totteridgeresidents.org and could contact the organisation by emailing tottres@aol.com **until September when the address will change to** info@totteridgeresidents.org **or** chairmain@totteridgeresidents.org.

All were invited to stay for refreshments and further discussion.