

Hartshorne Village Residents Association



Minutes of the First Public Meeting of the Hartshorne Village Residents Association (HVRA) Held at 7pm, 18th May 2015 at the Dethick Hall

The meeting was attended by approximately 74 village residents and committee members.

Jim Gosden as Chairman opened the meeting by giving a brief account of the meeting held two months previously, on 9th March 2015, when the Association was formed. He said that the volunteer committee had been busy getting the Association up and running, opening a bank account and drafting a constitution. Since the formation of the residents' association it had been represented at the Planning Committee meeting on 14th April, by Andrew Thomas, one of the Committee members, who had spoken most effectively against the proposed development of the Rodney Meadow. The Planning Committee voted to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation and refused permission.

He continued by saying that this Public Meeting had been called for the various proposals to be discussed and voted upon.

Draft Constitution

The draft constitution was projected onto a screen for all to see. The Chairman said it was based on a Model form of Constitution for a residents' association, which had been obtained from The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The constitution was gone through clause by clause. There was a query from the floor regarding Associate Membership and it was agreed that Associate should not have voting rights. There was broad agreement with the constitution and its adoption was proposed by Alan Smith and seconded by Graham Paris, all voted in favour.

Mr D. Jenkinson asked if the residents association would take on the Neighbourhood Watch and the Chairman said the Committee would consider this.

Subscriptions

The Committee proposed a membership subscription of £2 per household. Mr Jenkinson thought this was too low and suggested £10. This was considered too high and the proposed subscription of £2 was agreed.

Committee

The committee (all volunteers) was formed at the meeting on 9th March 2015.

The Committee consists of: -

Jim Gosden – Chairman

Kate Landenberger – Secretary

Hamish Smith – Treasurer

Sarah Ashcroft – Membership Sec.

Andrew Thomas – Member

Ray Fairbrother – Member

Eve Adams – Member

The Chairman suggested that to save time, if the meeting was satisfied with the officers and Committee that they be elected en bloc for a year. This was proposed by Peter Smith and seconded by Doug Jenkinson.

Future Plans

The Chairman said that the Committee would continue to monitor the SDDC website for notification of an Appeal on the Rodney Meadow development.

He suggested that it would be worthwhile to discuss with the District Council the possibility of conservation status for parts of the village to safeguard from inappropriate development. There were some queries regarding the implications of conservation. Many thought it worth pursuing and it was generally agreed that further research be carried out.

Some members voiced concern regarding speeding through the village and others suggested a notice board and a post box in Brook Street.

Communication

Discussion took place regarding communication by the committee with the membership. The possibility of a newsletter and setting up a website was voiced. Two people, Nick Paling and Ian Wilkes, volunteered to help with setting up a website.

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Attention was drawn to the proposal for a Solar Energy Park at Short Hazels Farm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.