

AGENDA
FOR THE FORTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE GRANGE PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 15th March 2017

St Peters Church, Vera Ave, London N21

7:30pm – 8:30pm

1. Meeting opened by Chairman introduction of the Committee and Ward Councillors and local Councillors.
2. Apologies for absence from Anne Humphries.
3. Chairman opened the meeting highlighting that the 2016/2017 had been a very active year for the committee and there had been many achievements, all of which would be highlighted later in the meeting. The Chairman gave thanks to the wider community. Special thanks were given to the road stewards for posting all the newsletters.
4. Confirmation was given to the accuracy of the minutes of the 45th AGM (March 2017).
5. Matters arising from the Minutes, questions from the floor:
 - I. What is happening to 62 Vera Avenue? Terry Neville (TN) explained that the planners believe that the house will be demolished within the next couple of months and will be re-built with a further two stories under ground. It was noted that complaints were made about the amount of rubbish in the front garden, local residents concerned re the de-valuing of property and hence it needs to be managed.
 - II. Overgrown greenery on the green dragon area – raised again that it needs to be cleaned up. TN expressed surprised that this has not been corrected and noted that it would be raised again.

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report & Membership Update

- I. Jason Coles (JC) confirmed that at the financial year-end we were £71 less than previous years. In reality as at today we are £100 up.
- II. Subscriptions at circa 400 members last year but this year the numbers have reduced to nearer 300
- III. Membership fees have never changed and hence it was noted that this may need to be reviewed, we don't need the money but it could be raised to support newsletters:
 - a. Question from the floor – why do we deliver newsletters to all residents when they don't pay membership. (JC) explained he understood the question but noted that half of the people that attend the community events are not members but contribute. Jason noted that we welcome thoughts on how we increase membership.

7. Election of Chairman, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer 2017-2018;

Joe De Crescenzo- Chair; Jason Coles– Treasurer; Angela Gallagher – Secretary; Mark Mansfield – Member; Ann Humphrey; Nicola Jefferson- Member
ALL APPROVED as 2017/2018 committee.

8. Report on the activities of the Association in 2016/2017

- i. Events: 2016 AGM/Quiz Night (90people)/Race Night (70 People)/Carol Singing (60 People)
- ii. GPRA Station Bench – joint venture with GPHS
- iii. Planters at Station
- iv. GPRA Notice Board
- v. Mast Moved re Gold Course
- vi. GPRA Station Flyer Dispenser
- vii. Meetings/Support:
 - a. GPRA Support for Train Time Table Proposals
 - b. Planning Appeal re flats in OPR – now 2 houses
- viii. GPRA Administration: 3 News Letters/Members 283
- ix. Thanks to Sponsors
- x. Future events (Garden Party)
- xi. Boundaries commission – supported GPRA there are other associations and we are coming together.

In summary a very good year. Always open to suggestions if anyone has any ideas we are all listening, please forward them on.

9. To consider any other matters relating to Grange Park and the immediate area, discussion and questions from the floor:
- I. **Planning – Flats OPR** - Great concern to the planning on ORP Andy Milne has distributed a number of letters re this issue. Latest application has just been refused. The planner will probably put in another application and we continue to challenge. Nothing has been approved it needs to go to planning committee; part of the argument is that there is shortage of larger properties. The GPRA are involved in this type of things not lofts and extensions. Conservation committee also involved although it falls outside of those boundaries.
 - II. **The Chine & Network Rail** – David Burrows (DB) been in contact with Network rail, the work has been suspended until consultation. Work was supposed to start 13th March, threatening letter, taking out trees and wildlife. The council are involved DB explained that he had contacted Network Rail and complaint was raised; no work will be started until all issues have been resolved.
 - III. **Boundary Commission** – Significant response that can be seen on line. Three MP's representing the borough, Grange Ward should go into Enfield North, the point made that is that this part of the ward we want to get reunited. Grange Ward would benefit from staying together, if you agree please go onto the website.
 - IV. **Grange Park Open Space** – it was raised that this area is over grown and needs cutting. The council not keen to spend any further monies on this activity. There is no budget and the cuts will impact the type of works, but we should raise and challenge.
 - V. **Cycle Lanes** – Terry Neville noted that it was raised to the Mayor of London re the poor consultation and communication, response was gained and they very dismissive. (TN) noted that if the conservatives get back into power then they would look to 'halt' any further works re the cycle lanes and review all the H&S issues.
 - VI. **Train Consultation:**
 - a. Nicole Jefferson (NJ) noted that 900 residents had signed the petition, it was noted that Network rail said that they would respond in Spring 2017.
 - b. David Burrows (DB) responded that the petition had made a difference to initial proposed plans and he encouraged residents to complete a full footfall review of the station.

c. It was noted that it was great to have a Coffee Shop up and running again

II. Road Works:

a. Are there any plans to re surface OPR and around Grange Park from the council? TN noted that there are no confirmed plans but are aware that there has been approval of funds to improve our roads.

9. (JoeC) Thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting (60 people in attendance)