

**AGENDA**  
**FOR THE FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**THE GRANGE PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**St Peters Church, Vera Ave, London N21**  
**8pm – 9pm**

1. Meeting opened by Chairman introduction of the Committee and Ward Councillors and Local Councillors, Cllr Andy Milne, Cllr Chris Dey & Cllr Terry Neville.
2. Apologies for absence from Anne Humphries, Nicola Jefferson, Molly Johnson & Mark Harris.
3. Chairman opened the meeting highlighting that the 2017/18 had seen the approval of Cycle Enfield and the changes to the Grange Park Train Timetables, both of which the GPRA were actively committed to support the concerns of the residents. Due to the lack of interest both social events were cancelled, it was explained that the interests of the community were changing and that the committee would be considering the long-term opportunity to arrange such events. The Chairman gave thanks to the wider community for the support that had been given and once again gave 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). These were approved by Jason Coles and seconded by Angela Gallagher.
5. Honorary Treasures Report & Membership Update delivered by Jason Coles:
  - a. Profit for the financial year was £195, which gives a YE balance of £2684.
  - b. An increase in membership from 2016 of 165 members to 2017 of 235members.
  - c. £273 was spent on printing of the newsletters.

- d. JC confirm that membership price has not increased for 7years and there was no intent to propose it this year.
  - e. It was noted that the GPRA website was dismal, it was agreed that GPRA would look at this in the forthcoming year but that it would require volunteers to support to ensure that unnecessary costs were incurred.
6. Election of Committee Approved:
    - a. Chairman – Joe De Crescenzo
    - b. Honorary Secretary - Angela Gallagher
    - c. Honorary Treasurer – Jason Coles
    - d. Member – Mark Mansfield
  7. Report on the activities of the Association in 2017 -2018: It was noted by the Chairman that there had been few activities support through the GPRA for this year. It was noted that there had been reduced interest in Grange Park social events. It was recognised that annual Carol Singing was a success and increased numbers of people attended. It was noted that with little support from the community it was very hard to move things forward. It was noted that the website was poor, a request for support was given to the room to update it in the forth-coming year.

Andy Milne explained that the GPRA regularly reviewed all controversial planning applications and followed up where necessary for example with 124 Old Park Ridings. It was noted that Enfield Council had been experiencing many problems within the planning department BUT a new Director for Planning had been appointed and it was anticipated that this change would improve this process for our community.
  8. Matters arising from the Minutes, questions from the floor:
    - I. David Anderson – Liberal Democratic representative took to the stage to remind people of the 3<sup>rd</sup> May elections.
    - II. Planning Failure – It was noted that the planning division at the council were out of SLA which was causing residents' issues. It was expressed that people believed that the performance indicators set by the council were driving poor behaviours resulting in only 60% approvals of 1<sup>st</sup> application, reducing lack of face to face time with applicants. As per point 7 Andy Milne noted that this was being addressed through the appointment of the new Planning Director.

- III. Cutting of Trees on Network Rail Property – It was noted that by Terry Neville that Network Rail were planning to cut down trees on the railway land but has not followed the appropriate consultation process. It had been brought to the attention of Network Rail that they need to plan a proper planning and maintenance scheme and keep local residents informed. The GPRA suggested that if letters were sent to local residents that they share to gain further support.
  - IV. Questions were asked by the local residents re the financial state of Enfield Borough Council – It was noted that the present level of debt was 659million which was spread over 60yrs (thus rising 210million since 2010). It was suggested that the Law was inadequate and that the Council can continue to borrow more, interest is paid of the debt from Council Tax charges. Revenue budget increased by 5% of which 2.5% is the Levey for Social Care.
  - V. It was noted that due to the introduction of the Enfield Cycle Scheme that Old Park Ridings traffic has increased, and the amount of speeding has heavily increased. It was requested that there is a traffic management plan for OPR.
9. (J D’C) thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting