

TEWKESBURY LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
(“TLERA” or the “Association”)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2013
at 43 Canonbie Road

Present:	David Lowe (Final Chair)	Rita Zarvou
	Rowena Lowe	Tony Branchini
	Valerie Ward	Nano McCaughan
	Daniel Bailey (Initial Chair)	Tracey Syrett
	Christine Noon	Valerie Ward
In attendance	Carol Abrahams	Sally Tuhami

		Action
	Daniel Bailey initially chaired the meeting until David Lowe arrived. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.	
1.	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence had been received from: Rose Agnew, Dagmar Vesely, Ken MacLennan, Christine Martyn, David Otway and Theresa Barber. The Secretary confirmed that the meeting was quorate in accordance with the Constitution.	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting The minutes of the last meetings were approved. Matters Arising No Matters arising.	
3.	Sub Committee Reports <u>Social Committee</u> Update provided by Rowena (Valerie arrived later). The Association's fireworks party on 9 th November was a success, with particular note of quality of food provided, although total takings of c.£780 did not cover all costs. Discussed proposal to change cost structure for next year (eg Burbage Road fireworks display £5 for adults, no food included). To take forward to Summer 2014 for discussion. Cheque for £100 for donation to the Horniman School to use their grounds was ratified. Thanks provided for fireworks photos received for Newsletter. It was noted only 5 new members joined at the door; lower than the prior year, but likely a direct consequence of increased membership activity pre 2012 fireworks to remind lapsed members to rejoin.	VW DV

Police

Maynard Vesely is the Police Liaison Officer, working with Rowena who will be involved for the next 6-12 months. Both attended the Forest Hill SNT meeting on the 20 November. As requested at the last meeting, Rowena obtained an update on the status of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme that has been re-started by the Police.

Changes have been made to the Police Team serving the Forest Hill Ward with one PC (PC Michael Hill), 1 PCSO and 1 sergeant who can call on a wider team as required / if specific priorities to address. This changed structure was implemented from early October 2013. PC Michael Hill appeared positive and noted he wanted to be proactive as well as reactive to events in the Forest Hill ward.

The Forest Hill ward was defined as the area from the old Forest Hill Police Station on Dartmouth Road to the boarder of Honor Oak Road and Wood Vale and then down to Honor Oak train station. Forest Hill Police Station is now re-located to Catford Police Station. No specific concerns for our area were reported, nor any reports of recurring issues.

The traffic issues regarding child drop-offs at Francesca Cabrini and Fairlawn schools were noted and PC Michael Hill said he planned to attend the sites to observe and take any necessary actions.

A planning application for Miriam Lodge is not going to face objections from the Police as improvements have been made regarding residents of the Lodge itself.

The matter of 118 Canonbie Road was not raised in this forum.

Planning

An informal meeting between developers, architects, planners and residents regarding 51-53 Canonbie Road was attended by TLERA members. Key issues raised were that measurements were missing from plans submitted that particularly impacted neighbouring houses, and that therefore these diagrams shouldn't have been issued, as they are effectively incomplete.

The Planning officer agreed to circulate notes from the meeting (yet to be received). RL recommended new plans should be submitted and a new consultation period started ensuring plans have all correct measurements within. It was reported the architect and developers have never actually been round the actual property itself in person.

No action for TELRA at this stage, although noted that the change in the initial plans and constant re-submissions are a positive response to neighbourhood involvement in the process.

15 Westwood Park – Consultation period closed the prior Friday. TLERA was not contacted by local residents, therefore submitted no response. The plan at this site is to demolish a bungalow and build two 1930s style houses.

11 Tewkesbury Avenue – History of this application explained for wider group, being that an application made in 2008 and initially rejected by Council. Subsequent application was passed but the project did not commence other than the garage demolished and a large hole dug in the garden.

	<p>Issues here are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether the planning actually commenced or not (therefore has it expired?); • the exposed sewage drains could be compromising local house foundations and be a environmental risk; • skip outside house an eyesore; and • local residents can't resolve the matter directly with the owner as relations have soured. <p>Proposal for TLERA to write to Council and Thames Water in regards this matter. Action agreed by members for DL to write to Thames Water and Council, but to circulate letter to Committee before sending.</p>	DL
4.	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>A delay in publication for next newsletter (which was scheduled for Autumn). Agreed that it will be delivered to members post Xmas. There will be articles on the fireworks event including pictures, as well as the 'Mothers against Motoring Mayhem' campaign regarding local traffic issues.</p> <p>Carol Abrahams agreed to act as proof reader for the Newsletter and also to contribute articles as and when agreed with Valerie.</p>	VW
5.	<p>Traffic Issues – Canonbie Road</p> <p>Christine kindly discussed her accident last week which occurred when crossing the Forest Hill Road. TLERA recommended that she report this to the Police, so that it be captured in the local statistics, and to also give Maynard the details, so he could included in his 'Mothers against Motoring Mayhem' campaign.</p> <p>Tracey noted that she had taken this matter to the Council before, and that a big blocker in resolving this is that one side of Forest Hill Road is owned by Southwark Council; the other by Lewisham Council, which means resolving who takes responsibility for any action on the road in terms of safety is very difficult.</p> <p>Sally offered to consult her brother who is a Traffic Lights Engineer to get his feedback on strategy to 'solve' issue in terms of a safe crossing location, and also to get professional feedback on whether he has experienced such similar issues re: council ownership of roads.</p> <p>Campaign update not provided as Dagmar not in attendance – to move to next meeting. It was noted that Maynard has been attending Fairlawn school drop-offs in a high vis jacket to take photos of all issues the campaign is focusing on. However, it was reported that photos on Facebook clearly show children attending the school and that the permission should be sought to display these photos from the parents. Action: to check with parents of children in pictures out of courtesy before loading, or alternatively obscure them.</p> <p>Nano volunteered to contact Head of Francesca Cabrini school to get their input on traffic concerns, however it was suggested she discuss with Maynard so a joined up approach can occur.</p>	ST DV

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6	<p>Road Representative Reports</p> <p><u>114/118 Canonbie Road</u> – Nano provided an update on the situation across these two sites, explaining the background on ownership by a Mr Henry, who has leased sites to a Mr Mustafa who has created hostels, which is contravening planning permissible on the sites. July 2013 was the date at which conversion of 118 back to a house was meant to have occurred. Noted that minimal improvements are occurring, despite regular police attendance at sites.</p> <p>It appears that a multi-agency approach seems to be failing with Council divisions dealing with different aspects of this matter not talking to each other, therefore there does not appear to be a combined approach for resolution.</p> <p>Action for TLERA to contact the Mayor's deputy for a follow up on initial letter sent by TLERA in regards this matter. Nano to discuss a diary of issues logged by local resident. TLERA to write individual letter to Jim Dowd, local MP, to appeal to his ability to influence the local council to instigate a better multi-agency approach to resolve this issue.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>Valerie reported that she spoke with the crew filming the Sainsbury's advert last weekend, and that she had been told there was potential for a donation to TLERA for the disturbance to the area created through filming the advert – Valerie to report back to next meeting on this matter.</p> <p>Tracey reported that email addresses have been created for each road rep '@tewkesburyloadge.co.uk'</p> <p>Valerie reported that Horniman museum have asked TLERA to write to them providing support for the Farmers Market (that only has a license until end of December) and the landscaping of the grassy patch outside the café of the museum.</p> <p>It was noted there has not been a significant increase in cars relating to Farmers Market, which suggests local residents are using it. TLERA happy to write to museum, although less comfortable writing to Council on this matter (although noted we have supported changes at the Horniman Museum in this way previously). Valerie to report back before anything sent officially.</p>	NMcC VW VW
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>TBC February 2014 at TBC.</p>	

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Groups

Planning - Vacancy

Police liaison Rowena Lowe / Dave Harris (crime cascade)
Newsletter: Valerie Ward with Dave Lowe
Layout & graphics: Michael Schlingmann
Social events: Valerie Ward, Joan Leary, Suzanne Jessel, Anna Strappelli, Rita Zarvou
Pyrotechnics: David Lowe, Maynard Vesely, Daniel Bailey, Tony Branchini,
Garden Club: Jean Lawrence
Webmaster: Tracey Syrett
Local Directory: David Lowe
Welcome Packs: David Lowe