

RESIDENTS OF KEMNAL ROAD, MEETING CONVENED ON MONDAY, 20th JULY, 1959 at 8.15 p.m. at The Television Room, Bull's Head HOTEL, CHISLEHURST.

PRESENT: Mr. C.M. Dunn Acting as Chairman, assisted by Messrs. L.H. Gilbert, H.W. Clifton, C.R. Williams and 30 other signatures on the attendance sheet. Nearly 60 people were present.

Mr. Dunn opened the proceedings by saying that the meeting was primarily called because of the threat by The Kent County Council to erect a two storey building in grounds immediately in front of "Solwood". He had written to the County Planning Officer at Maidstone and had also contacted the Chislehurst Residents Association who had promised support.

If the proposed building were put up it would do away with at least 9 Silver Birch, 1 Large Oak, many Fir Trees and a considerable area of Rhododendrons. The cost at first had been estimated as £75,000 but it may be cut to £30,000. Mrs. Glynn Jones asked if there was any objection to providing extra accommodation for old people. It was felt generally that there was not, but the way in which it was proposed to provide it was the objection.

Plans at the Council were dated July 1958. Mr. Clifton said that if the ground were to be developed in the proposed manner then the beautiful grounds in front would no longer be available for the old people to walk in. The grounds at the back of the house were totally unsuitable for them to walk in because of the sharp fall in the level of the land. Mrs. Synott suggested some old people might prefer to go on the Common. It was stated that many of them were incapable of even reaching the Common. In principle if trees, foliage and frontage stay as they are, surely we could not object. Mrs. Glynn Jones was afraid that if we stopped any development at all, what might happen to "Solwood".

There was room left to add a suitable wing to the existing "Solwood" and it was not necessary to erect a separate building. The present building was not used to capacity.

Mrs. Smith felt it would be better to add a new wing and not a new building. Mr. Jackson said that if a building was put up in front of the existing one it would create a precedent and might allow the speculator a chance of other building projects. The siting of the building was the crux of the whole thing. As a result of all this discussion it was agreed that an addition to the present building would be the most suitable project.

Many others present expressed opinions on much the same lines as the foregoing, and the final resolution was put as follows:-

"We the undersigned residents of Kemnal Road object most strongly to the proposed development of "Solwood" in its present form in front of the existing building but have no objection to the reasonable extension of the present building by the addition of a wing at the side of "Solwood" and would welcome the opportunity of discussion with the Kent County Council on the matter"

KEMNAL ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION This body had been allowed to lapse and no meeting had taken place since 1956 and Mr. Dunn felt it was about time to reform and make the Association a go-ahead and live body, with which all were in agreement.

Mrs. Glynn Jones asked why in view of past efforts on behalf of the Association, Dr. Glynn Jones had not received a special invitation to the present meeting. Mr. Dunn replied that he had invited Dr. Glynn Jones by telephone and that the letter which Mr. Clifton had sent to all residents had also been sent to Dr. Glynn Jones.

Mr. Dunn accordingly asked for the election of Officers and Committee. Mr. Dunn proposed and Mr. Gilbert seconded that Mr. H.W. Clifton be elected as Chairman.

Mr. Clifton seconded by Mr. Williams proposed that Mr. Dunn should be Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Clifton seconded by Mr. Harding proposed that Mr. Gilbert should be treasurer.

All the above were elected unanimously.

The Committee who were accepted en bloc were:-

1MP *5137* *2803* *1802*
Messrs. A.D. Jackson, R.B. Thompson, John Langlands.
Major Ian Gibbs, G.E. Coulter, Mrs. Jean Smith.
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RESPONSIBILITY OF ROAD MAINTENANCE AS FAR NORTH AS FOXEARTH: This fell on the residents of Kennal Road and also the 20 householders in Marlow Close. The best way of dealing with this would be that a levy should be made on each householder, taking into account frontage and rights of access. Mrs. Glynn Jones advised that there had in the past been ex gratia payments from Foxbury. It was decided that a scheme for annual payments from each resident should be started as soon as possible.

POINTS FOR THE COMMITTEE to look into were:-

- (a) L.E.B. to make good pavements which they had left unfinished.
- (b) Fast driving down Kennal Road

Finally Mr. Dunn asked that those present should contact residents who had not attended tonight, asking for their support.

A copy of the notes taken would be circulated to all residents.

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