

① AGM
THE KENNAL ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Bulls Head
Hotel on the 19th SEPTEMBER, 1960 at 8.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H.W. Clifton (Chairman)
Mr. C.N. Dunn (Secretary)
Mr. L.H. Gilbert (Treasurer)
Mr. J. Langlands
Mr. J.D. Green.
Mrs. J. Smith.
Mr. F.G.C. Tardif.
Mr. A.D. Jackson.

ABSENT: Mr. A.E. Shrimpton.
Mr. R.B. Thompson.

The Chairman opened the Meeting and thanked all present for their kind attendance, and asked the Secretary to read the report of the last Annual General Meeting.

1. RECEIVING THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary read the report of the meeting of July 20th 1959 at which the Association was re-formed. The Secretary said he had felt that an Association should be formed for Kennal Road, and had approached Mr. Clifton, who had already provided notice boards, gates, etc., and who said he would be willing to help form a Kennal Road Residents' Association. The first years work had been completed and we were now reasonably sure about our future.

The past records had not been handed over to us, but this however did not stop the work from getting on, and frontages had been measured and contributions forthcoming.

MEETINGS: There have been seven Committee meetings and three new members on our committee represent the three new blocks of flats in the road. Two members on the Committee represent the special interests of Marlowe Close. This committee, it is felt, gives a fair balance of representation.

The Secretary had received some complaints about the condition of the footpath as left by the L.E.B., but it was felt by the Committee that as it is at least as good as it was previously, no complaint be made to the L.E.B.

FAST DRIVING DOWN THE ROAD: Quite a few complaints had come to the Secretary's notice about this subject, but it was a difficult matter and a little outside our control. The through traffic is now less than it was, perhaps largely due to the gate put up between Foxearth and South Lodge. Residents were requested to keep this gate closed. All that we can ask is that residents drive slowly.

SITE LINE AT THE TOP OF THE ROAD: This item was on the agenda of our first meeting. Before the next meeting the Secretary had received a visit from an official of the R.A.C. and he agreed to do all the liason work between the Church Missionary Society, Local Council and ourselves, for an improvement to be made. It is now much easier to leave Kennal Road than it was prior to the work being done.

LIGHTING IN THE ROAD: There are very different views on this point. There are now about eight lights in the road. We had made representations to the Local Council with regard to our own road and also the strip of land across the common to the Royal Parade. Mr. Farrow, the Borough Engineer, had replied that it was on their Agenda, and improvements would be made in due course.

SELWOOD: A lot of time had been devoted to this, regarding the new development and consequent loss of amenities to the residents of Selwood but unfortunately without avail.

KENNAL WARREN: We had very short notice about this, but we supported the Urban District Council and we appointed Counsel on behalf of the residents. Most of the purchasers at Mulbarton Court and the two lodges had been told there would be no further development on that ground. It was considered to be Green Belt ground.

COLLECTION OF ROAD FUND: It was felt that the road fund had to be built up, t a certain amount of patching had been done in the road. "Take-do-and-mend" will have to be satisfactory until we can build up our assets to four figures. All save one of the residents of Kennal Road and Marlowe Close have contributed. The Kent County Council have paid in respect of Selwood. The Church Missionary Society have agreed they should pay something but unfortunately haven't yet been able to agree a sum with us.

IN THE FUTURE: It is proposed to emphasise the private nature of the road and therefore discourage through traffic. It is proposed to put white posts each side of the roadway, as and when funds permit.

In conclusion the Secretary felt that a vote of thanks should be given to Mr. Clifton our Chairman for all his hard work, especially in regard to the private notice boards erected already.

2. RECEIVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer read an account of the audited Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th August, 1960 and stated that there were seventy-eight houses and flats in the road and that payment from these was based on £1:0:0. per resident plus sixpence per foot frontage. We had also received £15:0:0. as an ex gratia payment from Wellington Development Co. Ltd.

The Treasurer then gave the history of the strip of land at the top of the road and its acquisition by the four Trustees.

The Treasurer stated how pleasant his job had been and how grateful for the assistance he had received from Messrs. Shrimpton and Green of Marlowe Close and Mr. Worton of South Home, Miss Williams of Westerland and Mr. Randall of Mulbarton Court, who between them had collected most of the contributions for him.

Mr. Loveridge asked if he could see the original Deeds relating to the Trustee strip of land and the Secretary agreed to show them to him.

3. MOVING THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS.

Before moving the adoption of the reports the Chairman wished to thank the Secretary and the Treasurer for all their hard work, and wished to point out that they had not charged anything for stamps, stationery, telephone calls, etc. and also wished to thank the rest of the Committee, for their good work.

Adoption of the Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report was moved by Mr. Clifton and seconded by Mr. Wymer, and carried unanimously.

4. ELECTING THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Chairman, Officers and Committee resigned, but expressed their willingness to be nominated for re-election. Colonel Synott proposed and Mr. Hazell seconded that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer be re-elected. Mr. Loveridge proposed and Mr. Williams seconded that the Committee be also re-elected for another year.

OPEN DISCUSSION.

Colonel Hutchins said that he gathered that the residents of Mulbarton Court had been put to the expense of employing Counsel in opposing development by Wellington Trust on the site of Kennal Warren. The Secretary replied that the cost of Counsel amounting to approximately £40:0:0. had been paid out of the road funds. Unfortunately the Association had had approximately only one week's notice of this Appeal, and we were lucky in having Mr. Thompson to be able to arrange for representation by Counsel at such short notice. It was felt our case would have been much stronger had we had more time and had more residents been able to attend the Hearing of the Appeal. The Secretary had since written to the Chislehurst and Sidcup Urban District Council requesting that we be consulted as an Association in future regarding any matter affecting our interests.


Mr. Hayward asked if anything was being done regarding the use of the road by the Kent Turf Co. and whether their business was regarded as being of a commercial or agricultural nature. The Kent Turf Co. were stated, by the Secretary, to have been a cause of concern to the Committee for some time. They had been difficult people to deal with and had never answered any correspondence. Legal advice had already been obtained but to date no constructive solution had been found. The Committee would be devoting more time to this matter in an endeavour to curb their use of the road by heavily laden vehicles.

Mrs. Synott said that she had read in the Kentish Times that lighting in Ashfield Lane was put down as one of the alterations in the Council's Agenda for the coming year and wondered when the turn of Kemnal Road would come. Mr. Gilbert replied that Councillor Simms had said that it was on this year's programme or next year's and was going to let Mr. Gilbert know.

Mr. Bagshawe felt that the Council should come to sweep the road once a year, and it was agreed that representation be made to the Council.

Colonel Hutchins wished to know if it was possible to have a name put up at the beginning of the woodland from Royal Parade, advertising the name Kemnal Road, but it was finally agreed by all present that it was not a good idea to advertise the road, and thereby possibly increase through traffic.

The Secretary finally proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Clifton who had done so much for the road, and Mr. Gilbert seconded this vote of thanks.



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