

THE RURAL ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING held at the Bulls Head Hotel
Chislehurst on the 21th May, 1962.

PRESENT:

Mrs. C.H. Dunn (Chairman)
Mrs. J. Smith (Secretary)
Mr. L.H. Gilbert (Treasurer)
Mr. A.E. Shripton
Mr. R.B. Thompson
Mr. A.D. Jackson
Mr. F.G.C. Tardif
Mr. D. Langlands
Mrs. J.D. Green

APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from Mr. P.K. Clapham and Mr. W.N. Worton.

1. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 26th MARCH, 1962.

With regard to paragraph 4 of these Minutes, Mr. Gilbert wished for the wordage to be changed from "proposing to build at Hoblands" to "proposing to apply for building permission to build at Hoblands", and this was agreed. Mr. Thompson said that with regard to the same paragraph he felt that all the points discussed were not fully covered in the Minutes of the 26th March and it was agreed that this comment should be included in these Minutes.

With regard to the last paragraph of Paragraph 1 of the Minutes, they should read "20 Harlowe Close", and not "20 Mulbarton Close".

The Minutes were then passed unanimously.

2. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT "HOLLY BOWERS".

After having received a copy/letter from the Chislehurst & Sidcup U.D.C. addressed to Mr. Dunn, and in his absence, Mrs. Smith contacted several members of the Association and had asked them to write protesting against the proposed development, and on the 12th May wrote to Mr. H.L. Stevens, Building Inspector of that Council stating that we objected to this proposal as being out of character to the neighbourhood, detrimental to the local amenities and excessive in density. In their reply of the 15th May, the Council stated that they would inspect the site of "Holly Bowers" before coming to any decision and asked us to let them know the number of members of this Association.

As it was already known that Mrs. Jones of Holly Bowers had been endeavouring to canvass signatures in favour of this proposal it was agreed by all Committee Members that we should protest very strongly to this proposal and that we reply to the Chislehurst & Sidcup's letter of the 15th May enclosing a Petition signed by as many members as possible. It was felt that the same objections applied to the 40 flats as indeed they did in respect of the proposal for 72 flats, and that we should only agree to the maximum of 16 flats to be built on the site of Holly Bowers.

Mr. Dunn said that we had received an account from Wellers of Brouley for representing us at the appeal regarding the 72 flats. It was agreed that we should now pay this account, amounting to £26.5.0d.

3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT INGLEWOOD.

Mrs. Smith informed the Committee that on receipt of information received from Mr. Hazell of Casa Mia, she wrote to the Council protesting against the new proposal of 21 flats at Inglewood, on three floors, and subsequently received a letter dated the 15th May, 1962, in which the Council stated that they would inspect the site of Inglewood before coming to any further decision. Upon receipt of this letter Mrs. Smith telephoned the Council and was informed that the proposal would in fact come before the Committee at their June Meeting. Mrs. Smith had also contacted the immediate neighbouring residents of Inglewood, and suggested that if they objected to this new proposal they should send individual letters to the Council containing their protests, and was subsequently informed by these residents that they had done so.

The members of the Committee felt that this application was a particularly greedy one, considering that the Council had already passed plans for the erection of 14 flats, and indeed work had already been started on this project. It was further felt that it was completely unfair for neighbouring residents to be so over-looked, and indeed they would be considering that Wellington Developments had gone to so much trouble to remove the shelter of trees! It was again felt that we should send a Petition to the Council regarding Inglewood, with as many signatures as we could muster, ready for their June meeting.

4. TRUSTEESHIP OF STRIP OF LAND AT TOP OF KENAL ROAD.

Mr. Dunn said he thought we should pay out the money owing to the Clifton Estate and at the same time, as the amount owing to the other three Trustees was so small, perhaps settle the whole account. Mr. Shrimpton felt that it would perhaps be better to wait until we were called upon to release the money, and Mr. Gilbert agreed with this suggestion, as did other members of the Committee. With Mr. Dunn's concurrence it was agreed to stick to the existing arrangement for repayment to the Trustees.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Locking of the Gates. Mr. Dunn said that we should continue to lock the gates every year as Mr. Clifton had done on previous years. Mr. Thomson, however, felt that we were not able to do so, considering that no individual actually owned the road, and that it would also be difficult to have "picket" duties on the gates at each end of the road. It was however left for further discussion on this point, as the Committee were divided in opinion.

Martins Bank. At the request of the Bank, a form had been completed authorising the payment of the Association's cheques duly signed by any two of the following three signatories: (1) G.M. Dunn (Chairman) L.H. Gilbert (Treasurer) Mrs. J. Smith (Sec.) who provided the Bank with specimen signatures.

Pot-Holes. Mr. Dunn felt that it was about time that the pot-holes and worn patches in the road should now receive attention. Mr. Thomson said that he could recommend someone we could contact and would give Mrs. Smith the name and address.