

THE KEMNAL ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Bulls Head Hotel on the 12th November, 1962.

PRESENT:

Mr. C.M. Dunn (Chairman)
Mrs. J. Smith (Secretary)
Mr. L.H. Gilbert (Treasurer) --- resigned
Mr. R.B. Thompson --- resigned
Mr. F.G.C. Tardif
Mr. P.K. Clapham
Mr. A.D. Jackson
Mr. W.R. Worton
Mr. A.E. Shrimpton }
Mr. J.D. Green }

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The Chairman opened the Meeting and thanked all present for their attendance, and then 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 on the 27th November 1961.

MEETINGS: There have been four full Committee Meetings with now ten in Committee. As the Association knew, Mr. Clifton died on the 5th March, 1962 and at a Committee Meeting held that evening, it was decided that a wreath should be sent on behalf of the Association. During this same Meeting, Mr. C.M. Dunn was elected our new Chairman and Mrs. J. Smith our new Secretary.

HOLLY BOWERS: Proposed Development. As most members of the Association were aware, there had been a fresh application put in by Mr. Jones for forty three-roomed flatlets and we had sent many letters of protest together with a signed Petition, to the local Authority. This application was eventually turned down by the K.C.C. As there was not to be a Local Inquiry into this, but was by written representation, we have written directly to the Minister of Housing and Local Government stating our views in this matter. We are now awaiting a reply.

INGLEWOOD: Proposed Development. On the 8th August this year we received a letter from the K.C.C. stating that the fresh application for twenty-one flats on this site had been turned down. We wrote requesting to be informed of the date of any Appeal when it was known. However, a fresh plan came before the Committee again on the 31st October and at which meeting the new plans for the 21 flats was passed, owing to the fact that Wellington Developments had - for the use of a better word - "discovered" extra acreage at Inglewood - namely 5½ acres. Mr. O'Connell himself had approached the K.C.C. stating that if they still allowed only 14 flats then he would put in an application for building a block behind the fourteen flats, with which he had commenced building. The K.C.C. thought, apparently, that 21 flats on the original site was far better than two blocks, one directly behind the other. However, after visiting the local Council, and many discussions on the telephone with the County Planning Officer, it was decided that it would only make us look foolish to carry on our objections to the 21 flats at Inglewood on the grounds of density, as Wellington Developments had now extra acreage and thereby 21 flats on 5½ acres was not excessive.

2. RECEIVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

A statement of Receipts and Expenditure and an Investment Statement dated the 6th November had been sent to all members. From these it can be seen that we are solvent and on 2nd November our cash resources amounted to £527.12.5d. Mr. O'Donnell of Wellington Developments has made a third ex gratia payment of £15: to the Road Fund, this time in respect of 'Inglewood'. There are two more annual refunds, each of £35: to be made to the Trustees of the strip of land, one in 1963 and the other in 1964. The Treasurer wished to thank all for paying their annual subscriptions so promptly and in particular would like to thank Mr. Tardif of Mulbarton Court, Mr. Clapham of Kemnal Warren, Mr. Worton of South Home, Mrs. Coat of Westerland and Mr. Shrimpton and Mr. Green of Marlowe Close who between them had collected subscriptions from 63 of the 85 residents in the road. The Treasurer also wished to thank Mr. Dunn, our new Chairman, who had been a pillar of strength and the Committee are very grateful

to him for all he has done during the past year.

3. TO ELECT THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Chairman, Officers and Committee resigned, but expressed their willingness to be nominated for re-election. The Chairman felt that it was best to leave the Committee at 10 for the moment, as there would be a need for more representation as and when the new flats were built. Mr. Vander Ralte proposed and Mr. Eldridge seconded. This was carried unanimously.

4. MAINTENANCE OF ROAD VERGES.

It would be appreciated if all members would kindly keep the over-hanging trees and over-grown verges cut back.

5. ROAD REPAIRS.

The road had just been 'patched-up' again at the cost of £120: and this was for filling-in all the pot-holes and to cover all the bare patches. It was felt that we should pay the £120: and when we have about £1,000: we should have it completely re-surfaced.

6. LEGAL CHARGES FOR PLANNING APPEALS.

It was discussed as to whether we should have a separate "Legal Fund" to cover any future need which should arise with new proposals for building. It was however felt that it would be a waste of time having 'automatic' legal representation if the outcome was going to be as Holly Bowers and Inglewood, and a waste of money, and the best thing would be to leave it until a situation arises. This could be discussed at a Committee Meeting later.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mrs. Lalley said that we were having a lot of trouble with traffic coming through the road and the notice signed "Private" has been removed from the Bye-Pass end of Kennal Road. The post too in the middle of the road had been broken. It was felt, however, that there wasn't a lot one could do to stop the traffic. Mrs. Parker of Mulbarton Court wondered whether we should close the gates one day a year. This point however was a difficult one, as no one particular member actually owned the road, and thus no one particular person has the right to close it. Mrs. Eldridge of Mulbarton Court thought that we should pay something towards finding out the ownership. Mr. Dunn explained that we had found out that part of the roadway was at one time owned by the Marsham Townsends, but it was difficult to ascertain the ownership of the rest of the road. It was not until the ownership of the whole road was established, could we really do anything. It was necessary, however, to keep the road in as good a state of repair as possible, otherwise the Council may wish to take it over.

Mr. Wymer said that he could remember the road in 1910 and he was never stopped from walking down the road. Mr. Stanton of Kennal Warren wondered whether we could have a speed limit imposed on the road, but Mr. Dunn thought that this was not practicable or possible, for if one should "speed" then who would enforce it? Mr. Green of Marlowe Close thought too that no enforcement was likely without the authority of the Police or Local Authority and which 'backing' we couldn't hope to get anyway.

Mr. Dunn said that we could, of course, fail to make-up the road and this would practically solve the problem, as cars would automatically have to drive at about 15 m.p.h.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary, Treasurer and all members of the Committee for their hard work and then declared the Meeting closed.

