

THE KENTON ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Bulls  
Head Hotel Chislehurst on the 27th January, 1964.

PRESENT:

Mr. C.L. Dunn (Chairman)  
Mrs. J. Smith (Secretary)  
Mr. F.G.C. Tardif  
Mr. P.K. Clapham  
Mr. A.D. Jackson  
Mr. W.R. Worton

APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. A.E. Shrimpton and Mr. J.D. Green.

1. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 12th NOVEMBER, 1962.

The Chairman opened the Meeting and thanked all present for their attendance, and then asked the Secretary to read the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, which were passed.

The Chairman told the Meeting that Mr. Gilbert had resigned because he had moved; Mr. R.B. Thompson had resigned from the Committee owing to business commitments, and there would therefore be two vacancies.

2(a) RECEIVING THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MEETINGS There had been two Committee Meetings during the year.

HOLLY BOWERS: The Ministry informed us that they had passed the plans for forty three-roomed flats and during one of our Committee Meetings it was decided to seek the advice of Mr. Irwin Shaw, Barrister-at-Law, to find out whether there was anything further which could be done to reduce the height and number of flats proposed but unfortunately, Mr. Irwin Shaw informed us, there was nothing which could be done.

RE-SURFACING OF THE ROAD.

Repairs to the road this year had been carried out by Ford cc who had, in the opinion of the Committee, made a better job than the previous contractors. They had also renewed the private notice boards at the top of the road.

SPEEDING IN THE ROAD.

This had often been brought up at Committee Meetings and many residents had expressed concern. The Committee members were sure that slow and considerate driving by motorists in the road would be appreciated by all residents.

2(b) RECEIVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Owing to the resignation of our Treasurer, the Chairman was not in a position to give the fullest facts of our bank account, but could give figures as at 11th November 1963 which were as follows Current a/c £133.11.0d. Deposit a/c £193.5.10d. Premium Bonds £25. which gave a credit of £351.16.10d.

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

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Worton, who had offered to accept the office, should be our Honorary Treasurer. It was felt that we should have a member from Inglewood and Mr. Donald Fyffe was duly elected. Colonel Hutchings was also elected. The Chairman, Officers and Committee resigned, expressed their willingness to be nominated for re-election, and were duly elected.

4. CONTRIBUTIONS.

The surface is wearing well, but we are still forced to continue the policy of "make-do-and-mend". To increase our annual income it was suggested that the minimum payment be 30/- per annum per householder, ~~plus 6d. per foot of the road frontage concerned.~~

5. HOLLY BOWERS.

The Chairman stated that he had heard that the owners of Mapledene were in the process of selling their property to the developers of Holly Bowers, which would give them a large acreage for development. The Committee hoped to be kept informed of any new proposals and would endeavour to ensure they were in character with the road.

6. NEW ROAD LIGHTING.

The Council were proposing to put in 20 new lamps, approximately 120' apart. The positioning of the lamps was discussed and agreed. Colonel Hutchings wished to know whether the Association had to pay for these lamps, but was assured by the Chairman that this was not so, unless we wanted anything other than the standard type of lighting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Clephan stated that certain residents of Kennal Warren thought it would be better if the road were to be taken over by the Council. It was felt, by the majority of members present that this would not be a good idea as the present rural atmosphere of the road would disappear. Mr. Barton of 'Holly Lodge' wished to know what the charges would be, should the local authority be asked to make up the road. The Chairman thought that the present day charges would probably be about £5.0.0d. per foot of frontage on each side of the road. Were the road to be taken over it is certain that the rating assessments would be increased. It is certainly cheaper and in most peoples' opinion, pleasanter, for Kennal Road to remain 'private'.

Mrs. Loveridge thought that it would be worth spending a few pounds in tidying up the road, particularly the strip at the top of the road; the matter was deferred until we had more money in hand.

Mrs. Loveridge wondered if we could have the A.G.M. later in the Spring, when more members would no doubt attend, and it was agreed that this would be done next year.

LEGAL FUND. It has been suggested that we should operate a separate "Legal Fund" to deal with any further development which might arise in Kennal Road. We do not object to anything reasonable, but should the time come when we would wish to engage Counsel on our behalf, to resist unreasonable proposals, this would be costly. After lengthy discussion upon this subject, it was finally agreed that an emergency meeting would be called, should it be decided necessary to instruct Counsel to act on our behalf, against unreasonable development, in order to invite residents to contribute to the legal costs involved.

Mr. Tardif wished to thank Mr. Dunn our Chairman for all his hard work, during the past year. The Chairman thanked Mr. Tardif, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and all members of the Committee for their support and then declared the meeting closed.

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