



**PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

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This is our first Newsletter to update all PRARA members of what has been achieved since the inaugural meeting in February 2002.

**Standing Committee meeting**

Patricia Hicks (coordinator), Andrew Gray (Neighbourhood Watch), Ann Rosenberg (secretary) met to discuss the latest developments regarding PRARA on Wednesday April 24. Anthony Williams was invited to attend and was coopted as representative for Clancarty Road.

**Rising bollard at junction of Peterborough Road and Clancarty Road.**

PRARA has been in touch with council representatives and was informed that the reason the bollard is still not in operation is because the signalling transponder on the front of London buses is not compatible with the receiving chip in the works of the bollard. Hence the bollard will not answer to the bus as it approaches, and will not descend to allow the bus to pass. This is because the chip is more electronically advanced than that in the present transponder.

PRARA asked a question about the non-progress of the bollard at the recent meeting of The Fulham Society, at which Conservative, Labour and Liberal representatives made speeches. We were told it was the only question the Mayor, Cllr. Slaughter, could not answer.

A site meeting was subsequently held on Thursday April 25, between Cllr Cartwright, Council engineers, London General (buses) and Siemens UK (manufacturers of the electronic chip).

It was first thought that an override could be added to the bollard to enable it to answer to the buses.

However a call from the council to PRARA in the evening of April 25, said that the decision was to order 30 new advanced transponders from Siemens UK first thing on Friday 26 April. They were expected to be delivered in 10 working days directly to Putney garage, (bypassing the Council), where the 424 buses are garaged, when they will be installed and tested by London General.

At the time of writing, there was no-time scale for full operation.

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### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Andrew Gray has been in contact with PC Richard Sparks, and will obtain copies of the Neighbourhood Watch information sheet which will be circulated to all PRARA members. He said that the Peterborough Estate had a Neighbourhood Watch which is also registered with the police.

It was also noted that some insurance companies offer a discount to members of Neighbourhood Watch associations.

### **PRARA Planning Brief No: 1** **Lots Road & Imperial Wharf Developments**

Patricia Hicks has studied the planning applications for these two developments which will have a major impact on parts of Fulham. Her summary of the current situation is attached.

### **PRARA Constitution**

There were some amendments to the first draft of the Constitution. The revised Constitution is enclosed.

### **Meeting Venues**

As the current membership is now 34 households and there may well be more recruits over the year, there will be a need for a meeting place for the AGM and Special Meetings, which ideally should be free of charge. Anthony Williams will check with local churches, and Ann Rosenberg will speak to the managers of the Duke of Cumberland and The White Horse pubs to ask if PRARA could have the use of a private function room when needed. This may well be free of charge in anticipation of members indulging in liquid refreshments after meetings.

### **Whip Round**

Many thanks to all those who dropped their (voluntary) £1 per member contribution through Ann Rosenberg's letter box. If you have forgotten to do so, this is a gentle reminder. This is to cover the paper/print cost of the minutes/newsletters etc. All costs will be accompanied by receipts.

### **RBH&F Website**

Patricia Hicks will be the contact on the Council's Community Association, website.

### **Lost & Found**

After the inaugural meeting in February at Patricia's house, she found she has acquired an umbrella. If you think it's yours, please give her a ring.

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