



PRARA

Peterborough Road and Area Residents' Association incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane, Hugon Road, South Park Mews, Sullivan Road and Settrington Road

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TUNNEL WORKS TO START BY JULY OF NEXT YEAR

COMMUNITY LIAISON WORKING GROUP

Monday 23rd November
7pm to 9pm
Thomas's School, Hugon Road

This meeting is your main opportunity to question and influence Tideway and the tunnel construction team - *not Thames Water* - about the impact of the forthcoming works in Carnwath Road which will last for 7 years with 4 of them 24 hour working, 7 days a week.

Carnwath Road Coalition is working with the Tideway team to mitigate the impact on and harm to our area and local residents. We need you to attend this meeting to demonstrate the strength and extent of local concern.

This is a
CRUCIAL MEETING

The Coalition urges you to attend if at all possible

PRARA
"Christmas Party"
 at
21 Clancarty Road

Come and join your committee and fellow members for a seasonal gathering

on
Wednesday, 9th December
6.45 pm - 8.15 pm

Please bring a bottle -
Christmas nibbles provided !!

1 - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator found

We are delighted to report that, following a further appeal at the AGM, we now have a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Jeremy Gilkes. His contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the web site.

2 - Clancarty Road Zebra Crossing petition - update

As a result of our petition two Council traffic and highways officers attended the Ecole Marie d'Orliac / Fulham Bilingual School last month to observe the situation, prior to a meeting with the school Head, active parents and PRARA. The officer's expert opinion was that the heavy traffic outside the school at peak times made it safer for pedestrians to cross the road than would be the case with a Zebra Crossing. We had to accept this advice. Traffic flow would improve if three point turns could be prevented and this is being investigated. The petition has established a dialogue aimed at improving the overall traffic situation and this includes providing extra help for the school to further reduce car use by parents.

3 - Borough wide 20mph consultation

There will be a presentation of the results of the council's recent consultation at 7pm on Wednesday 18th November at Hammersmith Town Hall. There will be an exploration of the results and an opportunity to talk about what happens next.

4 - Carnwath Road closures

A traffic order came into force on 7th November which permits the closure of the road outside Nos. 82 - 104 Carnwath Road to facilitate crane operation. Such works should last for 2 days but the order remains in force for up to 18 months.

5 - Fulham Boys School

The permanent site for the school is going to be the land currently occupied by Fulham Police Station in the Fulham Road. It is understood that there will be a small police presence continuing on the site. Any residual threat to our area has therefore been removed.

6 - South Park update

PRARA was able to intervene and support PRARA members who were being constantly woken between 4.45 am and 5.15 am, 7 days a week, by a particularly noisy vehicle racing through South Park. As Hammersmith & Fulham and their park contractors did not know who the park worker was, it took some time to track the culprit down. Eventually the driver was found and it was again agreed that no noisy work would start in South Park before 8 am – much to the relief of residents backing on to South Park.

7 - Neighbourhood Watch

We warmly welcome PC Phillippa Saleem to the Parson's Green & Walham SNT. She replaces PC Stewart Cherrington. The Sands End SNT, PC Alex Douglas, has been moved to Richmond and we await information on his replacement. There is a Safer Neighbourhood Crime Roadshow on Tuesday November 24th in the Great Hall, Fulham Palace at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Anyone who is concerned about crime and antisocial behaviour locally is welcome to attend. If you do, could you send a brief report to our new NW co-ordinator who is unfortunately unable to attend? The only recent crime alert concerns mopeds and scooters which have been the targets of recent thefts. The Police advise spending money on good locks.

8 - King's Road disruption - advance notice

Starting in February next year, National Grid will be carrying out a major scheme to replace and upgrade the old metal gas mains buried under the King's Road. This will involve two sections of the road becoming one way eastbound with major diversions for westbound traffic. Exact details are not yet available but it is inevitable that traffic in South Fulham will be seriously affected.

9 - Weekly bin collections

The Council has - at present - abandoned its proposals to alter the rubbish collection system which included reducing weekly bin collections to every two weeks. The motivation was to save money so this may not be the end of the matter.

8 - 2015 AGM - Summary Minutes

The 2015 Annual General Meeting was held in Sullivan School in Peterborough Road on September 15th at 7.00pm, having been notified in the August Newsletter.

Co-ordinator Sue Oriel (SO) welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially the Neighbourhood Question Time panel members.

Apologies for absence were noted verbally and the Minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved.

SO noted that the past year had been relatively quiet, with the main issues being overhanging trees in South Park and the traffic problems associated with Ecole Marie d'Orliac / Fulham Bilingual in Clancarty Road. The Thames Tunnel continued to be of great concern.

Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary Jonnie Godfrey reported that in the last year membership numbers had remained stable at 149 households. During the year donations totalling £55.00

had been received and there had been expenditure of £47.19. After bringing forward the money recorded as at 31st December 2014 (the PRARA year is now the calendar year), the accounts show that on 14th September PRARA's cash in hand was £384.77. This was noted.

No nominations had been received for membership of the Standing Committee. With the exception of Sue and Lance Pierson, all Officers and Members of the Standing Committee had offered themselves for re-election. They were all duly re-elected and are listed at the end of this newsletter.

SO appealed for Neighbourhood Watch person to take over from Lance & Sue Pierson and noted that Tony Bell had been co-opted as our new Pub liaison taking over from Chrissy Stenning.

The formal business being completed, SO introduced the panel members. They were:

Lady Dido Berkeley (founder of the environmental group Thamesbank) who spoke about her long term campaign to preserve the biodiversity and accessibility to Londoners to the Thames. The construction of the Thames Tunnel brings into focus the need for integrated water resource management in London rather than treat rainfall as waste water. She said this will have greater cost benefits for the city at a time of climate change in the 21st century. Thamesbank has set up the Thames Blue Green Economy to this end and to undermine the need for the very expensive and disruptive Thames Tunnel. She is supporting the Carnwath Road Coalition.

Leon Wilson, Senior Vice-Principal of the Hurlingham Academy who explained how the change in status of the school, plus a new head and staff had turned round a failing school. His personal long-term aim is to make the school the first choice for local families. He was pleased to report that the school had established a 6th Form.

Robert Largan, a local Councillor for Sands End, reported on his membership of the Council's planning committee and his campaign to save the 424 bus route. He also spoke about the need for local affordable housing, fly tipping problems, and responded to a question about bringing the empty properties in South Park into community use. In discussion, other South Park issues included the trees overhanging the gardens of houses in Settrington Road and the need for rubbish bins in for the netball court .

PC Alex Douglas, Sands End SNT, spoke about local crime statistics, which are the lowest rates in the borough; provided advice on crime prevention; and answered questions on the effect of policing budget cuts. The Metropolitan Police Service works towards achieving various targets. For 2016 these are specified in MOPAC 7 which lists the categories of crime being targeted. Members expressed concern about local disruption caused by the annual Prudential RideLondon cycle event. Robert Largan undertook to follow up on this.

End.

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