



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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1 - Annual General Meeting 2016

The meeting will be held on 11th October at 21 Clancarty Road, from 7.30 - 8.00 pm, to conduct the association's formal business. The full notice and agenda are at the end of this newsletter. All are welcome and a glass of wine will be served. As the venue is a private house we would appreciate it you would e-mail Sue Oriel to indicate your intention to attend.

2 - A thank you.

We are grateful to the members who responded to the appeal for donations in the April Newsletter. Thank you everybody.

3 - A second date for your diary

We are pleased to invite you for a pre-Christmas drink on 7th December from 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Come and mingle with some of your neighbours and, subject to commitments, our local councillors and SNT police officers. It will also be a relaxed opportunity for you to discuss any concerns with the members of the Standing Committee. Further details in due course.

4 - New Secretary needed !!

Ann Rosenberg has been PRARA's Hon. Secretary since the association was formed. In recent months she has become increasingly committed looking after the community's interests in relation to the tunnel construction works in Carnwath Road, as Chairman of the Community Liaison Working Group. She has therefore decided she should stand down as our Secretary but will continue to be the road representative for Peterborough Road south. This means we need a new Secretary. The work is important but not onerous. Will you consider doing it?

5 - Traffic issues / 20mph speed restriction

The introduction of a 20mph speed restriction on our roads does not seem to have had any impact, with many drivers ignoring it and the rush hour 'rat run' is as bad as ever. The

Council officers have been vague as to how the limit would be enforced. If you are concerned about this please tell your road representative and we will raise the issue with the project manager. Now that the Autumn term has commenced, we will be arranging for further enforcement action to respond to parking irregularities outside Ecole Marie d'Orliac.

6 - Neighbourhood Watch - Crime prevention advice

Moped led thefts from the Sainsbury's car park in Townmead Road are continuing. A project is underway to give GPS trackers free of charge to local residents who own mopeds or motor bikes. If anyone would like one of these, please contact Police Constable and Dedicated Ward Officer for Parsons Green & Walham, Phillippa Saleem by email: phillippa.saleem2@met.pnn.police.uk

A new guide to cyber crime prevention is available to download from the homepage of the Neighbourhood Watch website. The link is: http://www.hfnhw.org.uk/site/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/215_14ds_cyber_crime_prevention_booklet-web_rev6.pdf.

Home security reminder - a house in Clancarty Road has recently been burgled whilst the occupants were inside. Fortunately no one was harmed and family did not panic. The means of access is unknown but may have been because the front door was not properly secure. Front windows of Victorian terrace houses can also be vulnerable if not locked.

7 - Tree petition

Following the disappointing response to the petition for pollarding of the trees in South Park which overhang houses in Settrington Road, we wrote again to the Director of Safer Neighbourhoods. We told him that we did not consider the survey that had been commissioned, which was primarily concerned with potential safety issues inside the park, had adequately addressed these issues when viewed from the houses. We have now received the following response which is again very disappointing:

When surveying a tree, the surveyor will have taken into account the proximity and safety of adjacent properties when making their recommendation. It is not reasonably practicable for a surveyor to carry out an assessment from within individual properties that trees overhang in this case. When giving a recommendation the surveyor gives their professional opinion; should the tree fail at any point due to their negligence then they would be professionally liable - of course we hope this is a situation we never have. It is not in the surveyor's interest to ignore a fault on a tree just because it is not directly within the park.

Most tree failures that occur are due to falling branches rather than the whole tree falling, hence why much of a survey focusses on the base and trunk of the tree. We cannot be 100% sure in a gale there wouldn't be a tree failure; the only way to truly mitigate such a risk is to remove the tree, which I am sure the residents do not want and something we would never do; not least because it would adversely affect the landscape of the park significantly.

At this stage the council believes it has acted reasonably and in accordance with our duty of care as a landowner. In order to mitigate the concerns of residents we commissioned an additional survey on the receipt of your petition, which backed up the survey carried out in 2014. Our offer made in our response to you remains: if residents remain adamant that they would like the trees pollarding then there is the

option for them to cover the cost of the works, which will take into account the whole structure of the tree to ensure it is balanced using best practice.

We don't see any potential benefit to pursuing the Council further and reluctantly think we have to accept their position.

8 - Clancarty Road resurfacing

The eastern end of Clancarty Road, from Wandsworth Bridge Road up to and including the Settrington Road junction, was resurfaced on 23rd & 24th August. As some householders were away and therefore could not be aware of the required parking suspension, we notified them all on how to appeal if they received a Penalty Notice. We also queried as to why the resurfacing was necessary as there was very little apparent damage, and received the following explanation:

Visually it may seem unnecessary to do this work, but the Council have received a number of complaints from residents in this road, claiming road settlement following the utility works around the speed cushions. We carried out a further inspection and as part of policy to not allow roads to deteriorate to a state that makes major reconstruction necessary and we deem these works to be essential. We prioritise roads that are just failing or showing signs of failure for resurfacing, as this is the most economical way of repairing the carriageway. This timely intervention results in only the top layer of the road being repaired at a significantly lower unit cost, and this delivers maintenance at the minimum whole life cost ('prevention better than cure'). Failing to be pro-active can result in 'full reconstruction', which is very expensive (5 to 10 times more expensive than resurfacing). Intervention is required at specific levels of deterioration to ensure very expensive and disruptive full depth road reconstruction is not required. This approach is a cost effective method of ensuring that the average condition of the road network is as good as possible.

9 - Tunnel update

Demolition of the business park will be completed by the end of the month. A concrete crusher machine will be on site in the next few weeks to recycle hard core material for reuse on the site. The rubble will be sprayed with water to prevent airborne dust. The temporary site hoardings will be replaced, probably in November, and in a virtual open air art gallery feature the work of local artists and from Sullivan School children. The junction of Wandsworth Bridge Road and Carnwath Road has been altered from three to two lanes. All HGV drivers have been alerted to the danger to cyclists when turning left from the bridge into Carnwath Road. Tideway has reminded us all residents' complaints must be made via the official Tideway helpline as required by law. They have appointed a community officer, Patrick Kelly. His contact details and helpline number are on the Tideway website. <https://www.tideway.london/help-advice/helpdesk-information/>

10 - South Park news

The Council has secured a community contribution from Tideway of £2 million, and it is intended that this should be used to bring to fruition long gestating plans to transform the North West corner into an area that will be of benefit to existing park users and the wider community. How this can be achieved is complicated and considerable discussions are taking place.

11 - No. 424 bus route

Following the consultation on route changes that took place at the beginning of the year, it has been announced that the existing route through Sands End will be maintained.

12 - 2016 Prudential RideLondon

Stewarding this year appeared to have improved. However, please tell your road representative your own opinion of the race day and how many traffic problems you encountered either personally or as an observer. We will then provide feedback to the Council and RideLondon.

13 - Planning Portal

If you are considering any alterations or expansion of your property, considerable guidance can be found on the Council's web site. The page "do you need permission" provides a clear and visual guide to most of the common domestic planning queries together with a mini guides on larger construction aspects. The page is easy to navigate and informative. The link is: https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200125/do_you_need_permission

The Council is proposing new measures to protect residents from construction noise. More information can be found here: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/articles/news/2016/08/hf-council-proposing-new-measures-protect-residents-construction-noise>

14 - Parking pay by 'phone

A new parking payment system **pay by phone** will soon be rolled out across the borough and is scheduled to be fully live by mid-November. Residents and shoppers will be able to pay for their parking session on their mobile phones via text message, an app, or through an automated voice service. Cash payments will still be possible.

15 - Parson's Green Lane closures

The replacement of gas mains by National Grid under Parson's Green Lane will require the closure of the road from New King's Road to the railway bridge from 17th October to 9th December, and from the railway bridge to Fulham Road during January.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Date: Tuesday 11th October

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: 21 Clancarty Road, Fulham, London, SW6 3AH

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM
3. Brief overview of the past year - Co-ordinator Sue Oriel
4. Short Financial Report - Hon. Treasurer Jonnie Godfrey
5. Member's Questions
6. Election of Officers (the Standing Committee): Co-ordinator / Road Representatives / Hon. Secretary* / Hon. Treasurer / Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Any nominations must be received by the Co-ordinator by Monday, 3rd October, supported by a Secunder and with the consent of the Nominee. Contact details are on page 4 of the newsletter.

* With the exception of Ann Rosenberg, all current members of the Committee, who are listed on page 4 of the newsletter, are offering themselves for re-election. We are therefore seeking a new Hon. Secretary. Please contact us if you could be interested.

7. AOB

We should be most appreciative if you would advise Sue Oriel if you plan to attend the meeting.

A complimentary glass of wine will be served.

The role of the Secretary mainly involves taking minutes of committee meetings, organising the newsletters and arranging for venues as and when needed.

18th September 2016