



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

This year's Annual General Meeting took place on 24th October at The Hurlingham Club. Following the formal business, Gavin Simmons, the Principal Arboricultural Officer at London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, gave a much appreciated talk on his



department's work and the difficulty they experience in matching residents' aspirations with the practicality of different tree types. The Minutes of the meeting are attached to this newsletter.

2 - Neighbourhood Watch news

Last month there was a break in during the night to a house on the north side of Clancarty Road whilst the owners were asleep. The burglars scaled the adjoining wall using a traffic cone to stand on and forced a kitchen window. Then they left the house via the front door on one of the owner's bicycles. If access is possible to your house from the rear, the security on the doors and windows should be of the same standard as those in the front of your house.

Also two women waiting for a taxi in nearby Napier Avenue at 01.00hrs, were approached by 6 youths on bicycles and robbed of their handbags at knife point. You are asked to be particularly vigilant of your surroundings, especially when no one else is around. You should also be vigilant whenever using your mobile telephone in a public area, these can easily be snatched from you by someone on a scooter or bicycle riding up behind you on the pavement, or from the road if you are walking near the kerb and not paying attention.

If any PRARA member has any concerns or experiences problems regarding their own safety or of their property, and would like to share their concerns with other members of our Neighbourhood Watch Group please e-mail our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Jeremy Gilkes (jjhgilkes@hotmail.com). There is sometimes a delay before Jeremy Gilkes is informed of an incident by the police. The police have advised signing up to www.nextdoor.com where they post information. It is however, a very commercial site and you receive multiple e-mails from outside of our area. It also attaches itself to your outgoing e-mails. We therefore think your membership of PRARA and Neighbourhood Watch provides the same benefits without the disadvantages.

3 - South Park - proposed community centre

PRARA very much supports the new community centre initiative in the north west corner of the park, paid for (as it is) by money from Tideway and Chelsea Football Club and developed by LBHF. The complex is intended to provide space for sport and recreation, meeting areas, changing rooms, a cafe and a nursery and garden. A planning application is currently being considered for the planned centre. We attended an early presentation and had reservations about the design being proposed. We subsequently also discussed the submitted plans with the Planning Officer concerned. We are concerned about certain elements of the design and particularly the linkage with the main body of the park. We also have raised concerns about the impact of the main building on the properties on the north side of Clancarty Road which face the park. The PRARA submission can be found on the News page of the PRARA web site. It is intended that the new centre will be owned by a community trust and run by a Board of Trustees and a committee made up of members of the community. It aims to be self-funding.

4 - The Castle Club - update on the school proposals

Since the last newsletter much activity has been going on at the Castle Club or Castle Centre as the new owners, the Thackeray Estate, like to refer to it. It is surprising to see so much expensive work being applied to the old building before a planning application for the proposed new school building has been submitted. However we have been assured by Thackeray that there is no Plan B and if planning permission is not granted for the school they will probably try to sell the Castle Club. There were many objections from Daisy Lane residents about the amount of additional traffic that a school for 300 students and 40 staff would attract because Daisy Lane is already a narrow and overcrowded road. Thackeray's response is to make the school car free for delivery and collection of the students. Any dissenting parents would be fined with an increasing amount for each default.

5 - Daisy Lane open land housing proposal

Daisy Lane residents feel somewhat under siege as a planning application has been submitted by the Shepherds Bush Housing Group And Phoenix (Parsons Green) to build a block of twelve flats on the open land between No 22 Daisy Lane and the Castle Club. This was formerly a croquet lawn for the Parson's Green Club, currently being used as a temporary club house whilst the Club is redeveloped. We consider this to be a most inappropriate place for such a large development or indeed for any development. The land is part of a designated Open Space and Nature Conservation Area in Policy OS1 of the Council's Core Strategy, which states that it should protect and enhance parks and open spaces. The justification for the application is given as a financial need to convert the new first floor Club function room and the five approved discounted social housing flats in the new Broomhouse Lane building into "market housing", with the open land being used to provide 12 social rented units. PRARA has submitted a robust objection to the planning application. A copy of our objection can be found on the PRARA web site.

6 - Dog mess along Clancarty Road

Clancarty Road is a major thoroughfare from Peterborough Road and Wandsworth Bridge Road for dogs being taken to South Park. Whilst many dog owners clean up some don't. We raised the problem with the Council and have been assured that officers do carry out checks and remonstrate with owners who are anti-social. At our request, additional warning notices have been attached to lamp posts.

7 - Carnwath Road pedestrian crossings

Tideway have paid for two temporary light controlled pedestrian crossing near the Tunnel site, to make the road safer for Carnwath Road residents. A planning application has been submitted to provide a pedestrian phase for Carnwath Road, Wandsworth Bridge Road and Townmead Road for the traffic lights at that junction. This has been requested by the tunnel Community Liaison Working Group and we consider that such phasing would be beneficial for all pedestrians who use those roads. We are therefore supporting the proposal.

8 - Thames Tunnel issues

The Tunnel Boring Machine is now on site. As is tradition, it has been given a female name, Rachel, named after Rachel Parsons, an Engineer and advocate for women's employment rights who was born in West London. It is expected that the shaft excavation will be five metres deep by Christmas. If you have any concerns, issues or complaints about the tunnel works it is best to call the 24 hour Tideway help desk: 08000 30 80 80 or e-mail helpdesk@tideway.london. There is now an on-site visitor centre but this is only open at selected times. The helpline is considered to more practical and effective.

9 - Prudential RideLondon

As anticipated, this event again caused severe traffic problems both in our area and on the north side of the New King's Road. A major reason for the impact on the PRARA area is cars being allowed to cross Wandsworth Bridge when there is no through route to the north. Yet again we have raised our frustration with the Mayor and requested a change of route next year. All previous complaints have simply been forwarded to Transport for London who just passed them on to the RideLondon organisation. This year we have managed to get TfL to take some ownership of the problem but it is far too early to know if there will be any significant improvement next year.

10 - Spring Open Meeting

Our next open meeting is being planned for April. Details in due course.

11 - New Secretary *still* needed !!!!!!!!!!!!!

We make no apology for appealing again for someone to fulfill this role. **Will you consider volunteering to become our new Secretary?** The main tasks are the newsletters and taking the minutes of the standing committee meetings - which are very friendly, often humorous and highly sociable - and the minutes of the AGM. If you could be interested have a chat with Sue Oriel or Anthony Williams. Their contact details are at the end of this newsletter.



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DRAFT FOR APPROVAL AT 2018 AGM

Minutes of the PRARA Annual General Meeting held on 24th October 2017 at The Hurlingham Club, London SW6 3PR at 6.30pm

24 members were present plus the speaker Gavin Simmons, the Principal Arboricultural Officer at London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

1 - Apologies had been received from Marjorie Simons-Gooding, Sue Pierson, Tanya Massey and Jeremy Gilkes.

2 – The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting were approved and signed by the Co-ordinator.

3 - Co-ordinator's Overview

Sue Oriel presented a brief review of the committee's involvement in local issues over the past year, chief of which were:

- Proposals to restore the Castle Club building for school use and build new premises to the rear of the site.
- Monitoring proposals for the new community centre in the north west corner of South Park.
- Responding to the latest planning application for changes to the business premises at 14/16 Peterborough Road.
- Challenging the installation of electric car charging points in Clancarty Road prior to planning permission being obtained.
- Further, ultimately unsuccessful, attempts to persuade the Council to pollard the trees in South Park where branches are overhanging gardens of houses in Settrington Road.
- Jeremy Gilkes continued in his role as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, attending NW police meetings and passing on via our e-mail list relevant information, including warnings about the vulnerability of front sash windows.
- Arranging traffic and parking enforcement action at peak school times outside Marie d'Orliac school in Clancarty Road.
- Held a very successful Christmas Party on 7th December at 21 Clancarty Road, with the new head teacher of Marie d'Orliac, Blaise Fenart, attending.
- Protested again about the disruption and inconvenience caused to residents by the RideLondon cycle event

The committee met four times during the year.

4 - Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer, Jonnie Godfrey, reported that in the last year we had received donations of £185 and there had been expenditure of £113.50. Currently there is £122.20 cash in hand.

5 – Member’s questions

The main issue raised concerned the planned Community Centre in South Park. Whilst there was wide support for the Centre, current plans presented so far do not appear to be satisfactory in spite of a Council design budget of £450,000 plus a contingency of £50,000. The Committee intends to make an appropriate submission to the current planning application.

6 - Election of Officers (the Standing Committee)

The standing committee, with all those present being identified, were unanimously re-elected with the exception of the role of Hon. Secretary which is currently vacant. An appeal by the Co-ordinator to the members present for a volunteer to take over the role did not elicit any volunteers. It was noted that Tony Bell is now acting as PRARA pub liaison.

7 - AOB

On completion of the formal business, Gavin Simmons explained how he and his team works. He has two officers beside himself, one deals with all planning applications which involve trees and the other inspects trees where works are needed or requested. There are just short of 10,000 trees in the Borough.

He then asked his audience a series of questions to determine by a show of hands what type of tree they would like to have in their street. He then ran through a list of practical matters that he has to ensure are considered when choosing a tree. Inevitably these two sets of requirements have conflicts which makes the actual selection difficult.

Mr. Simmonds was thanked for explaining his role so well and his attendance was much appreciated.

Three additional members arrived in time for this talk, so total attendance at the meeting was 27.

Signed..... (Co-ordinator)

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