

PETTS WOOD & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH 2024, IN THE PETTS WOOD MEMORIAL HALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr John Powell	Chairman	Mr Phil Birch	Environment
Mrs Andrea Stevens	Vice-Chair/Planning	Mrs Elizabeth Strachan	Health
Mrs Susan Radford	Treasurer	Mr Mel Wright	NT & Woodlands
Mrs Marian Smith	Secretary/Editor	Mr Alan Bodley	Public Transport
Mr Brian Eaton	Community Liaison	Mr Chris Cox	Traffic & Parking
Mr Phil Macer	Crime & Policing	Mrs Julie Cockett	Membership Team
Mr Rane Ranasinghe	Education		

GUESTS:

Mr Angus Culverwell	Assistant Director, Traffic & Parking, LBB		
Cllr Tony Owen	LBB	Mrs Liz Johnston	PW Business Assoc.
Cllr Simon Fawthrop	LBB	Mr John Charsley	PW Business Assoc.
Cllr Keith Onslow	LBB	Inspector Suart Baker	Metropolitan Police
Mr Roger Barber	Life Member		

About 55 other Members were present

APOLOGIES:

Mr Gareth Bacon, MP for Orpington
Mr Peter Fortune, GLA Member
Mr Luke Underwood, National Trust Ranger
Mrs Katrina Summerfield, Membership Secretary
Mr Graham Knight-Zhang, Committee Member

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1. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 22ND MARCH 2023

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Copies of the minutes. Unfortunately, while the Secretary did have copies available, the Secretary could not access the hall before the meeting started to put the copies on the back table. However, copies were available via the Secretary if requested. The Chairman asked whether the minutes could be taken as a true and accurate record of the last meeting and asked whether there would be a proposer and a seconder for these minutes.

Mr Phil Macer proposed that the minutes of the last meeting should be adopted, and Mr Roger Barber seconded the proposal, and it was carried by the meeting.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman's Report was published in the March Gazette, and Mr Powell thanked the committee without whom the Association could not function. The Chairman then commended the Report to the meeting. A show of hands proposed that the Annual Report should be adopted. The report was proposed by Mr Phil Macer and seconded by Mrs Fiona Fogden. The report was then accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr Mel Wright for organising a London Open House event in 2023. The event was a great success, and another is planned for this September. Mr Eaton had also arranged for two benches to be located in Petts Wood (one on either side of the railway bridge), one to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee, and the other outside of JDM in Station Square to celebrate King Charles III's coronation. Mr Wright has also arranged for three benches to be placed in the Woods in Jubilee Country Park. The PW&DRA funded these benches.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer (Mrs Susan Radford) presented the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 as published in the March edition of the Gazette on page 4 and mentioned that there had been a typo in the accounts published in the March edition of the Gazette, and advised the attendees that this had now been corrected and was signed off by the Auditor (Mrs Paula Ferguson.) Mrs Radford added that she saw no reason to increase the subscription this year and proposed that it remain at £5 per annum for Full and Associate members until 2025. The postal subscription would also stay at £13 for another year, although it would be reviewed next year because of the continual increase in the price of postage and the rise in printing costs. As a result, it may be necessary next year to also review the advertising costs.

The Treasurer thanked Mrs Paula Ferguson for auditing the accounts for the PW&DRA again this year. Mrs Radford added that, as seen from the published accounts, there was a deficit, some of which related to the benches' cost and the donations made to the May Fayre and the Petts Wood Carnival. Mrs Paula Ferguson would remain in the position of Auditor for the PW&DRA. The Report and Accounts were proposed by Mr Phil Callaghan and seconded by Mr Roger Barber. Therefore, the proposal was carried by the meeting.

4. CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

The Chairman mentioned that, as seen from the March (AGM) edition of the Gazette on page 3, there was mention of a change to the Constitution (items 14 and 15.) This item had not been documented correctly in the March edition; therefore, not enough notice was given for discussion at this AGM, but these items would be discussed at the next AGM in 2025.

However, the suggested change would mean that the Petts Wood boundary would be discussed at the next AGM, when the subject will be explained in more detail and put forward for approval. In brief, the boundary that the PW&DRA currently uses is the delivery properties of the Petts Wood Gazette. In the future (and to be agreed upon in 2025), the PW&DRA delivery boundary will be changed to follow the map that the London Borough of Bromley has documented. This would mean that members outside the London Borough of Bromley map area would be defined by the PW&DRA (subject to agreement) as Associate members.

The other change to the Constitution for discussion in 2025 is the period of the re-election of the PW&DRA Committee. Currently, this is on a tri-annual basis; the proposal in the future is that, if agreed, committee members will be re-elected annually.

Earlier notice of these changes will be advised in readiness for the 2025 AGM.

The discussion of the suggested changes for the next AGM were proposed by Mrs Liz Johnston and seconded by Mr David Boswell.

5. GUEST SPEAKERS

The Chairman then introduced the first guest speaker, Mr. Angus Culverwell.

Mr Angus Culverwell, Assistant Director, Traffic & Parking, London Borough of Bromley

Mr Culverwell had a visual presentation available and addressed the audience and mentioned that his responsibilities at LBB were for potholes, parks, public protection, licencing, waste bins, street cleaning, carbon management, trees, highways maintenance, co-ordinating works on highways, new roads, and new developments. Mr Culverwell is also responsible for assessing more major projects, such as the Bromley town centre, Orpington bypass and street lighting, gritters, and the regulation of utility companies, as well as managing parking and charging points.

Mr Culverwell added that he is also responsible for bus service consultation, train service consultation, legal protection (for the public), the dinosaur parking (at Crystal Palace), cycle parking pods, and the Crofton 30 mph speed limit. Mr Culverwell mentioned that if any changes were requested to speed limits by the public, they must build a plan as to why any change or changes are required.

Mr Culverwell also mentioned that changes were made to the roundabout at Chelsfield Village, which has now made it safer for the residents there. As a result, there has been a reduction in accidents and casualties. Mr Culverwell added that every accident injury should be reported to the police. Only if they are reported to the police can they be recorded. The Bromley borough has a downward trend of road accidents and reduced casualties.

Parking was then discussed, and Mr Culverwell mentioned that the Bromley borough is the top borough for prosecuting blue badge offenders.

Mr Culverwell also mentioned double yellow lines in the Bromley Borough and advised that these are not added unless needed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Culverwell for his presentation.

A member of the audience mentioned the Crofton School crossing to Mr Culverwell as it is difficult for pedestrians to cross there. Mr Culverwell advised that a survey would be carried out to determine the average numbers of traffic and the people crossing the road at certain times. Mr Culverwell added that the survey may occur in the summer or September.

Another resident addressed Mr Culverwell and mentioned that the traffic signs on Shepperton Road are the wrong way around. Mr Culverwell suggested that the resident report this on **FixMyStreet**.

The Chairman thanked Mr Culverwell for his presentation and for the questions that he had answered, and the Chairman then introduced the next speaker.

Inspector Stuart Baker, Metropolitan Police

Inspector Stuart Baker addressed the audience and mentioned that Petts Wood was considered a low-crime area. Inspector Stuart Baker added that he has teams work from St Mary Cray, Chelsfield Park and Green Street Green.

Inspector Stuart Baker added that the police's third safety team had carried out car stops in Petts Wood. While this was a successful operation, the police were hampered by the fact that there was only one speed camera, and this was based at Bromley.

Inspector Stuart Baker added that there had been many vehicle thefts in Petts Wood, and the nearest car theft to our current location was Greencourt Road.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Stuart Baker for his presentation and introduced the next guest speaker, Councillor Simon Fawthrop.

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Councillor Simon Fawthrop then addressed the audience and mentioned that the meeting to discuss the Biggin Hill Noise Action Plan (NAP) was due to take place on 27th March in Bromley and asked that as many residents as possible attend this meeting if they can do so.

Councillor Tony Owen

Councillor Tony Owen spoke briefly about planning applications and the ASRC (Area of Special Residential Character.) Councillor Owen added that boroughs have housing targets to meet, which may comprise, for example, a 16-storey building.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Fawthrop and Councillor Owen for their presentations to the attendees.

6. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Questions were raised and answered throughout the meeting. Therefore there were no further questions raised approaching the end of the meeting.

7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman then added that any forthcoming events will be notified in the Gazette, and the first of these is the May Fayre on Monday 6th May in the Memorial Gardens, and at a date to be arranged as yet, the London Open House Festival event. Details of this event will also be published in the Gazette when available.

The Chairman thanked the speakers and the guests for their contributions and attending the AGM and invited everyone to chat and enjoy the refreshments at the back of the hall.

The Chairman added that a full copy of the AGM minutes will be available on the Petts Wood website, and printed copies will be available in the Memorial Hall at the next AGM that will be taking place on Wednesday, 19th March 2025, at 8:00 p.m.

John Powell thanked everyone who attended the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy a glass of wine and the refreshments Jean Wood kindly supplied.

The formal business of the meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.