

HURST PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Friday 28th March 2015 @ 8 pm Royal British Legion, West Molesey

Acting Chair Charlotte Dean, Treasurer Jenni Haile, Committee members and residents from Hurst Park and outlying vicinity were present.

Guest speakers were Monica Harding MP and Peter Aron, Molesey Riverside Action Group

Acting Chair Charlotte Dean introduced Monica Harding who spoke to the assembled audience and then took questions before the formal start of the meeting.

Monica Harding MP reassured the audience of her commitment to the area and mentioned targeted issues that included Thames sewage, GP surgeries, lack of provision of SENs, cost of living and the overstay and sunken boats.

There was considerable discussion around the overstay and sunken boats – currently numbering 242 and 90 respectively. Monica Harding confirmed that she had been in discussion with the relevant Minister, that it was incumbent on the Government to listen and for a solution to be found. Concerns were raised and noted about the failure of the Environment Agency to act and resolve the matter. Questions were asked as to how Spelthorne and Richmond upon Thames had resolved the matter effectively. Monica Harding thanked Peter Aron for all his work on the matter, stressed the importance of the meeting in conveying the concern of local people on this matter and confirmed that she would continue to represent the community and lobby for a resolution as a matter of priority on the matter.

Following this discussion Monica Harding left the meeting.

A number of residents also left at this point and the formal part of the AGM ensued.

Welcome and apologies: Acting Chair Charlotte Dean welcomed the remaining residents and noted apologies from Paula Day and the Manager of Hurst Park Tesco.

Minutes of 2024 AGM: Acceptance was proposed by Alistair Sturgis and seconded by Roger Day.

Treasurers Report: the Treasurer had prepared a summary of the financial position of the Association as at 31st December 2024. Income was £1374.89 and Expenditure £1558.91. This resulted in an overall loss of £ 184.89. Income was made up of subscriptions, events, contributions from Newton and Huxley, Tesco and Bank Interest. The Quiz night had been particularly good in raising funds. The report was proposed, seconded and passed.

Acting Chair Report:

- **Green open spaces** - the sale and intended auction of these lands in lots had continued. Residents were advised to be vigilant on this matter and review the value of TPO and ACV s in combatting the issue.
- **Events** - A Dog Show and Quiz Night had been successful in both attendance and contribution to funds. An easter Egg Hunt was planned for Sunday April 6th.
- **New Look Newsletter** -general consensus was that the new format looked very good; was eye catching and engaging. It was recognized that more needed to be done to increase community engagement and involvement. The new format was a really good start to evolving that strategy. Paolo was thanked for his time and expertise.
- **Community engagement** – It was agreed that the issue of community engagement and involvement was a core issue at the heart of the continuing success of the Association. There was consensus that time should be given to this subject at the next Committee meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday 2nd April.

Election of Officers and Committee:

- Chair – Frank Carroll had stood down and Charlotte Dean had been Acting Chair as an interim. Peter Wylde agreed to take on the role .
- Treasurer – Jenni Haile wished to stand down. Charlotte Dean agreed to take on the role.
- Secretary – Larone Salado agreed to take on the role.
- All other committee members who agreed to stand again were Alistair Sturgis, Katka Kurchner, Pam Lockhart – Mire, David Armishaw, Ian Donaldson, Estelle Laybourne

These individuals were proposed , seconded and established.

Open Forum:

Peter Aron (EMAG) felt nothing needed to be added to the matters previously raised and discussed around the overstay and sunken boats issue.

There was considerable general discussion around the issue of engagement and involvement of the community and how this might be best approached – ideas included street reps, a survey to establish what people might want, involvement of more young people, live issues and concerns, liaison or merging with other groups, less formal organization. It was agreed these would be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at around 10pm.