**MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**

**KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION**

**26TH OCTOBER 2021 HELD AT KENLEY MEMEORIAL HALL, GODSTONE ROAD, KENLEY**

**Present:** 35 Members including 1 Councillor and 7 Committee members

**Apologies:** Committee members: Conor Campion, Jane Highfield, John Davenport, Anthony Lewis, Mike Van de Vord and Councillor Jan Buttinger.

2021 Chairman, Christine Heal welcomed everyone for coming and making the numbers needed. She then outlined the format of the evening.

2021b (1) **Local Police Addresses**

PC Joshua Zacharia-Vidal and PCSO Karolina AAmir introduced themselves as officers for the Kenley Ward and gave a short talk on security of cars and property. The placement of cameras must not point into other houses and windows and should aim at roads. Ring cameral are not continually on but can help police in investigating burglaries. A member asked about putting cameras where fly tipping happens, PC Zacharia-Vidal replied that it is difficult as people very often have fake number plates, it is better to use the Clean Streets App. Regarding speeding on Hayes Lane, they agreed it is dangerous where there are non-existent pavements, if police are seen in police car drivers slow down, it is better if they can do it in an unmarked car. A scheme is being tried to train residents for two days to use a static speed camera, similar to Croydon Road Watch. A member mentioned an 18 wheeler articulated lorry on junction of Hayes Lane/Old Lodge Lane and he was stuck by Wattenden pub, he was asked what he was doing there and said his Sat Nav had brought him there to get out of traffic. The police replied that **Streetsafe** is a way of reporting crime or something suspicious.

Christine Heal thanked both police officers for coming to talk to us.

2021 (2) **New Ward Coucillor – Ola Kolade**

Ola Kolade introduced himself to the audience and said that he had big shoes to fill following the retirement of Steve O’Connell who had been a Councillor for 17 years. He began with business start-up by Prince Charles and ways business can play in key issues, how can business help environmental services. He joined a scheme set up by David Cameron which helps 4000 young people every year with skills for future work. Since being elected he has been out connecting with residents, showing support with various issues like cutting verges. Ola has recently been asked to join Kenley Memorial Hall trustees. Ola said he had been meeting with Heads of Departments and Social Services within the Council as there is a lot to be done to make Croydon a better place to live in. A member stated that we have had an increase in Council Tax but services are getting worse. Fly tipping needs policing and control another member mentioned. Ola said we need to get a sense of priority as individuals and say what are the top 3 things that we can solve. If there are specific details for anything please get in touch with me.

Christine Heal thanked Ola for coming this evening.

2021 (3) **Minutes of previous Autumn General Meeting held on 22nd October 2019**

Copies of the last minutes had been circulated to members in the hall and on the web site and were agreed. There were no matters arising

2021 (4) **Chairman’s Review of 2020**

Chair, Christine Heal reported that since the last General Meeting in October 2019 life had been dominated by COVID which has continued until present day. Staying at home has been very much the order of the day. In order to keep up with communications, our committee regularly met via Zoom. We were able to have fairly normal agendas with some lively discussions. Topics on the agenda recently have included ‘Democ’, Planning issues, speeding issues, serious bouts of flooding and feedback from East Surrey Transport meetings with how any reported changes might affect Kenley. We also discuss litter activities alongside the aim to ‘keep Kenley Green’, as to our Kendra Magazine. We are first and foremost always trying to improve this way of communicating the news for and to you. We also have reports from Councillors and updates from our Police Liaison committee member.

During the coming year in May, the regular 4 yearly local elections will be held and Croydon will be voting for its first ‘Democratically Elected Mayor’. More about this later.

Christine continued for now and what of the future:- Covid will still be around but we have started to use the Memorial Hall again, many of you have returned to work and we are using leisure facilities again, also enjoy live entertainment is once more available so times are a little less bleak.

We have recently started to consider Kenley Pond recognizing we needed a working party. After two sessions a good amount of clearing has been achieved. We will pause for winter and continue in early spring when we aim to have a plan to redesign this pond area.

Another working party at Wattenden Pond will take place at 9.30 on 6th November. Mike Lott reported on the work done so far. Christine Heal thanked Mike and Volunteers.

In conclusion Christine said KENDRA (your volunteer committee) is in existence for you, the Residents of Kenley, to support, to try through discussion and action to improve lives….that’s what we will continue to do during the next year. Thank you.

2021 (5) **Treasurer’s Report**

Angela Morrison, KENDRA Treasurer reported that the accounts have been prepared in line with previous years and have been validated by an independent examiner and give a true and accurate reflection of KENDRA’S financial affairs as at 31 December 2020. The accounts are available on the website and a shortened version in the Autumn KENDRA magazine.

Angela also mentioned: Subscription revenue down as COVID prevented collection, Newsletter costs down as only the Autumn 2020 magazine was produced. Operating expenses have decreased mainly due to reduction in newsletter printing and rent for hall for meetings. There was an additional cost for Zoom Conferencing Licence to enable committee to continue with monthly meetings during COVID. KENDRA ended the year with an operating deficit of £282.51. Reserves have decreased slightly to £21,018.21.

Angela Morrison thanked Jordan Harris for her support in reviewing the accounts. As Jordan is unable to assist this year members were asked if there was any bookkeepers or accountants that may be able to help to contact KENDRA.

Christine Heal asked for members to vote for acceptance of 2019 and 2020 accounts and all members voted in agreement.

2021 (6) **Kendra’s proposed Constitutional Change to an Organisation Limited by Guarantee**

Geoff James said that this had been on hold for 18 months due to Covid and other projects. Agreed to re-commence in the New Year.

2021 (7) **Election of New Committee and Motions to be Voted on**

Chair, Christine Heal read out the positions filled on the list of Committee and asked if any members would like to join the Committee in the vacant positions. She added that President would be Councillor Jan Buttinger and Vice President Ola Kolade. The members voted in agreement to re-election of the Committee. Christine thanked them all.

The vote was carried to keep subscriptions at £3 to be reviewed next year.

The vote was carried for Committee Expenditure to be limited at £1500. Above this approval must be sought at the next AGM.

The vote was carried for the production of Kendra Magazine to continue until the next AGM with an approved limit up to £4000 which may be one supplier.

2021 (8) **Review of Current Local Issues**

1. **Democratically Elected Mayor of Croydon 2022** – Geoff James spoke about the work that had gone on distributing leaflets etc. and the election of 7th October for a Democratically Elected Mayor. Every ward across the borough voted a majority for Mayor. A member asked what powers will a mayor have. Geoff said to set the budget, the mayor will control the process and will have to be honest and transparent, whether he be Conservative or Labour. Jason Perry is one candidate. Mike McConell spoke about the hard work done by Road Stewards.
2. **Developments of the Good Growth Fund –** Kenley planning is going to over develop Kenley with intensification. It was decided by the Mayor of London to allocate £3/4m to make Kenley a nicer area and to prepare our infrastructure for the new housing that is proposed. Two years ago they did a study and then produced the data.
3. Since 2018 508 dwellings have been granted or are pending and 56 homes have been removed**.**
4. Safety provisions by installing red route on Godstone Road.
5. Valley Road/Kenley Lane Flood Alleviation will cause major chaos as they improve the anti-flood measures and provide a new design for the junctions.
6. Pavement on humpback bridge – they will shrink the pavement on school side and widen station side and put a zebra crossing by hairdressers.
7. Lower part of Hayes Lane to be made one way traffic (down only) with a demarcated pedestrian space.
8. Kenley Lane – traffic calming and demarcated pedestrian space.
9. Station Road – to change the direction of the one way system and prevent traffic entering the station from Hayes Lane.
10. Speeding traffic on Hayes Lane – Consultant suggested table tops to slow down traffic at junctions. 30 mph speed extension on Airfield Road.
11. Council looking for space for EV chargers. Mike McConnell said that number of cycle routes are planned to join up, this is work in progress.

Members commented that we are saying goodbye to the semi-rural area that we all love and the reason we all live here.

1. **Planning Issues –** Geoff James mentioned there are some aggressive applications from Developers. Irate residents argued that Council is not listening. Developers are demolishing houses before agreement of construction logistics plan.

2021 (9) **Any Other Business**

Mike Street reminded everyone that wreath laying will be held on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November at the RAF Tribute at 1.30 p.m. Also Victor Beamish Avenue will be closed from 6th November.

David Hooper Mentioned the 455 bus route Old Lodge Lane – Tesco, Purley stops wrong side of Tesco and passengers have to negotiate traffic to get to station, health and safety do not seem to have been taken into consideration. Christine asked him to send email to her with details.

A member mentioned the demolition of Sycamores by Kenley Station. Apparently Trinity Square is the developer. They are not allowed to load and unload on road.

Justine Middlemiss, Vicar of All Saints and St Barnabas said there would be a service at All Saints on Sunday 7th November at 10.00 to celebrate 150 years Anniversary.

A member wished to thank the Chairman and her Committee for all the hard work they do on behalf of the residents, a round of applause followed.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Chairman……………………………… Date…………………………….