**Minutes of the 593rd Kenley & District Residents’ Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 14th November 2023 at Kenley Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present: Christine Heal (CH); Tony Heal (TH); Angela Morrison (AM); Geoff James (GJ); Tony Avery (TA); Paul Keating (PK); Linda Richman (LR).**

**Councillor: Ola Kolade (OK)**

**Apologies: John Davenport (JD)**

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| **593** | CH welcomed attendees to the meeting. |  |
| **593.1** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting (10.10.23)**The minutes having been circulated the following comments were made:-JD had emailed a spread sheet of current membership.GJ said that 2024 will be a frustrating time changing over to Member Mojo but it will be worth it. A member at Autumn meeting had asked about people who still want to pay cash – GJ said Road Stewards will know who these people are and can call and collect cash. PK said that a Road Steward still had cash from 2022. Sixteen Road Stewards/Area Stewards and 3 Committee and 25 apologies attended gathering to explain Member Mojo. There were no other issues that would not be dealt with during the meeting. |  |
| 593.2 | **LBC – Ola Kolade Update** 1. Croydon’s Improvement and Assurance Panel (IAP) has today set out its plan for leaving Croydon in July 2025 or sooner, confident that the council is on a sustainable pathway of continuous improvement.
2. In their Exit Strategy published last month, the IAP set out the significant improvements Croydon has already made on the road to recovery.
3. They also note the clear improvements in management, culture and decision-making, which have been embedded across the organisation by the experienced officer leadership team at Croydon.
4. A 2.99% council tax increase is proposed, together with the 2% for adult social care that the government expects all councils to levy, making a total increase of 4.99%.
5. **Purley Pool -** Polaska is the long lease-holder of the Purley Pool site and has announced exciting plans for a complete redevelopment of the area, to include 2 new pools, leisure centre, cafe and public realm, to accompany about 245 flats which will form a new "integrated retirement community". The pool will be fully funded through the development while the council will run the new leisure facility. The pool is expected to be open in 2026, with the flats opening in 2027. The next stage of the consultation process took place on Thursday, 9 Nov at Christ Church Purley. Polaska is preparing to submit a planning application to the council**.**
6. Gayle Gander and OK have been working with Croydon’s drainage and flood management officer to discuss what measures can help to alleviate flooding in the ward, the hotspots locations we are working on are: Junction of Kenley Lane/Welcomes Road/Valley Road, Purcell Close, Bourne Park Close, Little Roke Avenue, Lower Road, Junction of Park Road & Bakers Close.
7. Kenley’s Ward Panel met on 10th October at Rokewood Court Care Home to discuss and agree its community safety priorities. New attendees, including two 17 and 18 year olds from Riddlesdown Collegiate who live in the Ward.

Violence against the person. This is a borough wide priority. There had been a total of 23 offences reported: Three stalking, seven common assaults, four malicious communications, five ABH, one incident with school children, two incidents with dangerous dogs.Burglaries. There had been an increase in burglaries, including theft of parcels. There had been five thefts from communal areas/porches, one from an outbuilding, two attempted burglaries and three offences when victims were away from their homes.Vehicles offences. There were five stolen cars and one stolen motorbike and one stolen car hire and two of these were recovered. Five cars had been interfered with, two with insecure MV and one VRM and set of wheels**.**Kenley is one of the borough’s safest wards. Our sergeant is looking after two wards.1. Buses: This relates to changes to the 434 (going up Higher Drive, along Cullesden, down Park Road to Godstone road) and the 439 (now cutting through Northwood avenue and Oaks road). 443 goes from Purley to Godstone road and 407 stops at West Croydon. Internal conversations at Tfl to map out where bus stops will sit along the route. Involves multiple teams at Tfl, they will produce an options paper and seek input from interested parties (GLA member, Cllrs, RAs).Timelines still TBC but looking like Spring 2024.
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| **593.3** | **New Items from Councillor**OK said he was meeting with Karen ? Director from Environment Highways to discuss local areas. PK suggested straightening OLL to stop fly tipping, LR mentioned man seen on ‘Next Door’ stopping car and leaving bags of rubbish on Godstone Road. AM suggested more Litter Bins especially on Kenley Parade. PK said the expense of operational costs. AM said we should start to book speakers for AGM next year if OK can check Council members availability.  | **OK** |
| **593.3.2** | **Kendra Admin**1. Review of Autumn’s GM – TA said it was noticeable that only 5% of the membership attended. GJ said that Member Mojo went across well and the vote for the membership transfer to Member Mojo was unanimous.
2. GJ said with at the moment we have not engaged with all members but when Member Mojo is fully operational we will have 99% of membership that will be member focused to enable us to have more communication.
3. Re-siting of KENLEY old road sign. TA to ask at Trustee Meeting.
 | **TA** |
| **593.3.3** | **Notice Boards** TA said that he had changed notice to requesting new committee members/RS/AS. Discussion followed re new committee members i.e. Mike Lott, James B? , Hayes Lane. It was agreed there should be more RS/AS gatherings, AM suggested wine and pizzas in KMH as not enough room in Wattenden and have an agenda. It was agreed there should be one in Jan/Feb, one in June/July and one later in the year. | **ALL** |
| **593.3.4** | **Kendra Magazine**TH said that Winter Issue was now being prepared for circulation in early December. TA will give list of advertisers to TH. TH asked GJ if he could repeat Member Mojo article, this was agreed. PK suggested putting a QR code on front of magazine, he also had a Food Store article for insertion.Bumper Issue for Spring 2024 will be 36-40 pages TA said there would be usual advertisers. PK said it could be delivered by Whistle rather than Royal Mail may be cheaper, he would look into it. | **TA/TH****PK/TH****PK** |
| **593.3.5** | **Other Local Issues** 1. **Kenley Community Advisory Group –** CH and GJ attended meeting on 18th October at OLLBC
2. **LBC planned survey of Hayes Lane Hill –** this is a 7 day survey/traffic usage and prioritising pedestrians between top and bottom of Park Road commencing 24th November.
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| **593.3.6** | **Litter Picks –** PK said 12th November cancelled as Tracey had COVID. Next one is 10th December. The Cubs are doing Litter Pick on the Common that day. 17th March will be National Spring Clean. |  |
| **593.3.7** | **Wattenden Pond**1. **Log Pile –** PK said when logs were delivered they were not exactly what we required but has hidden them under a load of nettles so they do not get stolen. Still waiting to hear from Airfield’s offer of help.
2. **Magazine Readers’ Feedback –** i)Member/owner of Pig & Whistle Cover Photo wanted extra copies of the magazine following a family bereavement

ii) Two members suggested caution against planting a coppice at the Pond. |  |
| **593.4** | **Committee Report**Treasurer – It was unanimously voted to pay £225 annual subscription to Local Planning Apps. Invoicing was up to date. Invoice for £350 for KMH for hire of halls. AM said was there anywhere else we could meet that was warmer? AM to contact external examiner to audit accounts ready for AGM in April.Membership Numbers – 97 members as Member Mojo uptake. So far half have paid for more than one year.Planning – Already dealt with. | **AM** |
| **593.5** | **Any Other Business**1. There was a good attendance at the Remembrance Day Service at the RAF Memorial on 12th November
2. Social Media – Whyteleafe & Kenley Community page run by Deano Cline.
3. AM asked if we should have Saturday morning meetings so that members could attend if they wished, especially during the winter.
4. There is a Christmas Fayre at KMH on 2nd December.
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| **593.6** | **Next Meeting**The next meeting on Tuesday 5th December will be held at the Wattenden Arms at 7 p.m.2024 – Tuesday 9th January at KMH | **ALL** |
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Signed……………………….. Date……………………

Christine Heal (Chairman)