

## **KTRA meeting**

**William IV 1 Feb 2010 7.30**

**Chair – Jude Allen Minutes – Ruth Ward**

**1. Agenda** Welcome and introductions. Tony Barnard – Kensal Cemetery Board of Directors

**2. Apologies:** Glenda Jackson MP, Charlotte Gather Tom & Molly Wilkinson

**3 Minutes** of previous meeting (Accuracy/matters arising) Passed

### **4. Guest Speaker (Tony Barnard)**

Cemetery Wall Update – English Heritage said they cannot offer a grant for all of the works, but there are discussions going on re how much the cemetery can put in and stay solvent, and how much EH can contribute.

£4.5m is needed throughout the whole cemetery (so it's not just the wall that needs looking after)

Principal problems are to do with fixing the wall without disturbing graves. Planning has been granted for the proposals for the wall that has fallen and parts that are currently unsafe

Phase 1 – rebuild collapsed section – would like to start this part this year. Will use similar looking bricks to current.

Phase 2 – prop up (with buttresses clad in original bricks) section in Dissenters' area (graves are recent so the scaffolding has an impact on families, so it is a priority)

Phase 3 – section to the cemetery offices

Phase 4 section up to Victoria gates

Phase 5 from Victoria to the hostel

If nothing is forthcoming soon from EH, the cemetery can afford to do Phase 2.

Scaffolding was intended to be more temporary than it has turned out to be, so needs to be strengthened.

### **5. Policing (Sgt Graeme Day) Safer Neighbourhood Team report.**

Burglary has been on the up in general across Queens Park Ward, but has dropped recently by about 50%.

In the Triangle car crime is still the main problem (damage and theft from, damage to.)

Operation Present – SNTs are knocking on every door to introduce themselves and find out what problems there are.

SNT are organising a Partnership Day – they are looking for venues (one is in Claremont Road and they are looking for one other to tidy up eg clear graffiti and foliage etc).

New Surgery venues – in Tesco (Station Terrace), Sainsburys (Salisbury Road). Are looking for others (in cafes or Moberly for eg).

Chris is leaving! We wish him luck and thank him for all his support. Sophie is the name of his replacement due to start in April.

### **6. Streetcare and Cleansing (Andy Bradfield)**

Harrow Road Pavement work – the contractors have put the pavements back really badly.

Simon Green will go with Andy to inspect the problem and see what action can be taken.

Emily Tancred pointed out that if there is a trip hazard it has to be put right.

The pavement was laid really nicely a few years ago and it looks horrible now.

## **7. Planning and Development**

**7.1 Post office enquiry/collection office** (Avril) have opened a new one on the Harrow Road but it is not for us – we still have to pick up our parcels in Harlesden. Where will people coming to pick up from the new office park.?

Simon Green has asked for them to include the Triangle.

Phil expressed concern about the reduction of the Post Office Facility locally

**7.2 Chamberlayne Road New Bus Stop** consultation closes 5 April (Emily Tancred) Emily said this plan is unlikely to go ahead. It is part of an attempt to smarten up Station Terrace. Currently discussions are underway to see if instead of “standing” there, the buses can continue to Willesden. So the hope is to make better use of Station Terrace and not develop bus stops on Chamberlayne Road. (Which would increase traffic and narrow the pavements on Kensal Rise, and result in a big tree being cut down.) Emily can't say too much but thinks it will be ok.

**7.3 Kensal Green/Rise Bridges Signs** (Harry True sends his apologies) His idea is to put up murals/signs on the bridges from Neighbourhood Working money. Should there be a competition to choose the design? Rob pointed out it must be robust/simple/easily maintained to not look shabby in a couple of years' time. Who is interested in setting up a working committee? Rob, Harry, Avril, Jude, Ruth (tentative as v busy!) ....

## **8. KTRA Membership and Organisation.**

Westminster Chronicle Soap Box (Jay Venn). We've been asked to contribute an occasional column about local issues. Would we like to do this? How would it work? Jay is happy to be 'rotating editor in chief' and will draft something for the next meeting.

## **9. Highways and Byways**

Ladbroke Grove crossing is still 'rolling on'. Phil suggested we put it on the agenda permanently. Two trees have been replaced on Wakeman Road

## **10. Utilities**

**11. Noticeboard and Website updates** Ruth to do posters for the notice boards.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Will complained that the bins are not put back in the right place. They are supposed to not block paths but usually do. If this affects you, let Streetcare know as it can actually be dangerous.

**13. Date and Chair** of next meeting – Date: Monday 1 March Chair: Hannah Minutes: Gail