

Minutes of KTRA Meeting Monday November 2nd 2009

Chair: Jay Venn
Minutes: Gail Gibson

Apologies: Andy Bradfield, John Smith, Garry Smith, Rob Grover, Will Waddington, Jude Allen, Molly Wilkinson.

Minutes from last meeting - agreed.

Matters arising - none.

1. Policing / Community (PCSO Chris Adams and Babita Chohan)

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) report:

- Crime - 3 car break-ins reported.
- Burglaries - are down in the area although 3 burglaries reported - suspects identified.
- There is an ongoing Operation in conjunction with the Kilburn team to target burglaries, car crime and traffic offences.
- Harrow Road will see police traffic operations in next 2 months and there will be a lot more police presence in the run up to Christmas.
- Rainham Road - SNT to investigate people in cars/small gangs reported in this area recently, although no crimes reported.
- Westminster police followed a known criminal from Westminster to a Kensal Green address but nothing linking him to this area otherwise.

2. Streetcare & Cleaning

- Warfield and Pember Roads - fly tipping seen by KTRA members. Brent does respond well and remove fly tipping when it is reported.
- Buller Road - uneven and bad pavement complaint - Cllr Simon Green will look into this.
- Pavement design project - there is money from TFL to improve Queens Park area pavement cambers. Paul Lorber had looked into this for KTRA area previously on our request but nothing has been done to date. Simon Green will follow this up.
- The chair suggested if anyone could spare time to volunteer to attend any council meetings relating to any projects of interest to KTRA, please let us know.

3. KTRA Membership & Organisation

- New members welcomed, several new faces at tonight's meeting.
- Newsletter - January is planned for a door drop of a small newsletter-style flyer announcing KTRA achievements and information. Simon Green to find out how many households in the KTRA area for an accurate print run so not to waste money.

4. Planning & Development

- Holland & Holland Factory - (on Harrow Road) has a fence over which concerns have been raised about appearance as well as security issues for local properties. A visit to the factory by a council official now means they will replace this fence in November - it will be more substantial and have concrete posts. There is no obligation in planning rules for the fence design to be more attractive. Maybe KTRA / Council can encourage planting alongside it? Meanwhile, there are no plans to renovate the factory car park which many agree is an eye sore.
- Property on corner of Wakeman / Rainham Road - Property is run down and causing concerns as the aggressive and destructive Japanese knotweed has been spotted growing there in overrun garden. Simon Green will try and locate owner. Some complaints of smells from property.
- 39-41 Rainham Rd – Council ordered it had to revert back to smaller occupancy - work has been noted but no one sure if the work is completed.

5. Highways & Byways

- Ladbroke Grove / Harrow Road crossing and traffic lights is to be discussed by the City of Westminster and TFL. KTRA petition to be presented by Jay Venn at the meeting at Westminster Council, Victoria Street, on Wed Nov 4th time, 7.30pm - all welcome to attend. Cllr Dimoldenberg will be speaking. The crossing proposal has been given the go ahead but funding it is in dispute between Westminster and TFL.
- Buller Rd - problem with articulated lorries using this road to deliver to Wedge Roofing. Buller is a narrow road and lorries cause vibrations. Smaller lorries for deliveries suggested.
- Late night traffic / cab parking complaint outside Paradise Bar. SNT are already tackling this issue. Questions: would double yellow lines improve things? Paradise and Regent bars very successful over last 5 years, therefore more people come into area and need cabs/cars.

6: Utilities

- Rats and drains - no problems reported.

7: Noticeboard / Website

- Ruth Ward to update notice boards with SNT information in due course.
- Flytipping is a problem in the area - it is easy to report and information for this will go on noticeboards.

8: AOB

- Neighbourhood working money is to be used on both Salisbury and Chamberlayne Road bridges to link the area and make them more attractive. Queens Park ward want to defer this project to next year to give them more planning time, so this leaves funds that could be spent on the KTRA neighbourhood this year (the money is to enhance the community) - ideas wanted for spending it by the end of December 2009 - £20,000 is available. One suggestion for its use: conservation signs. Another was to improve the Kensal Green station area, however, the station is actually situated in the Queens Park ward therefore the neighbourhood money cannot be used for this.

Next meeting: Monday 7th December 2009

Chair: Dave Halbury

Minutes: Ruth Ward