

DOWNSHIRE HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting [at Freemasons]. 18 April 2023 6.30 pm

Present: Andrew Neale (chairman), Mark Dennis (treasurer), Sally Minto (communications), Teddy Bourne, Patrick O'Connor (traffic working group), Jonathan Morris, Redding Thompson (refuse at 1a to 4 DH), Peter Tausig, Stephen Grosz, Linda Parsonage (membership)

Apologies : Patricia Morison, Tony Gordon-James, Ian Thompson

1. Street Refuse

- Andrew and Redding reported on work to improve rubbish matter in front of 1a to 4 DH.
- Contact made with owner of alleyway downhill from Keats Practice (who is not the owner of building with offending practices) which may be able to house bins
- Contact made with freeholder of the building housing Airbnb's which might be the offender
- PO contacted the Airbnb manager to request assistance
- Fire risk assessment completed to confirm alleyway could work to store bins
- Request in to freeholder of building to get names of long leaseholders
- Everyman (commercial tenant) has changed times it puts out rubbish so foxes no longer have nighttime access
- TB suggested a possible enclosure on pavement in front of building. That will be included in the list of options
- Agreed by all that we provide freeholder of the building a suggested storage design in alleyway and a short period to fix matters
- LP noted increased rubbish issues at DH end near Heath as well as stolen wheelies bins
- DHRA to liaise with Cllr Stephen Stark

2. Traffic issues

- PO and MD have had good conversation with Camden Traffic department
- Camden presently working under Nov 2022 budget that lasts for two years
- There is provision for safety studies but no infrastructure changes in the present budget
- Conversations have been had with other neighborhood groups in the East Heath- Downshire Hill – Rosslyn hill Triangle so that a solution does not just move problems around. This is good collaborative progress
- AN advised HNF new air quality survey has shown hot spots in SEG and East End Road , with pollutants well above legal maxima.
PO informed others of a Community Speed Watch Group. There is concern that any anecdotal reporting by such a group will undermine the proper data collection needed by Camden
- MD noted that now is the time to continue developing draft fixes that could be implemented in the next 2-year budget

3 Planning update

- 12B Keats Grove – planning approved and scheme and scheme , after redesign , had broad support from KG neighbours
- 12 Pilgrim’s Lane permit approved despite objections
- Police station buildings development progressing
 - Stables being renovated by Todd Berman after planning permission secured
 - House next to station will likely be developed retaining façade but all new structure behind
 - Police station itself likely to be commercial ground floor with flats above, formal consultations awaited

3. Security

- SM’s car has been recovered but with severe internal damage
- Anecdotal info indicates that car theft and burglary are on the increase locally
- Street patrol was suggested again but with mixed reaction
- AN suggested that we engage with the Safer Neighborhoods Forum

4. Treasurer’s report

- Nothing to report

5. Membership

- No update but LP will be happy to try to engage with long leaseholders of flats in 1a to 4 DH if we can get contact info as part of dealing with the rubbish matter