

# Railway Cottages Residents Association

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Minutes of Meeting 15th November 2017 7.30  
Wood Green Social Club

## Those attending

Lilian Thomas	Warberry Road
Jackie Unwin	"
Sharon Burgess	Ringslade Road
Rosie Yarrow	Ringslade Road
Lizzie Stables	Warberry Road
Matt Tait	"
Pete Yates	Warberry Road
Joe Fernandes	Warberry Road
Betty Wang	Warberry Road
Wayne Libonati	Ringslade Road
Par Sandhu	Warberry Road
Reggie & Emma Arkhurst	Cumberland Road
Roslyn Byfield	Warberry Road
Jason Rothery	Ringslade Road
Mick Yates	Ringslade Road
Matt James	Warberry Road
Claire Baxter	"
Jason Godfrey	Bradley Road
Susan Tully	Cumberland Road
Angela Moruzzi	Ringslade Road
Sharon Tully	Cumberland Road
Tony McLoughlin	Cumberland Road
Lisa Sharp	Ringslade Road
Nigel Scott	Warberry Road
Annie Faulkner	Warberry Road

Frank Hanly

Ringslade Road

Also attending - Dave Morris from the Haringey Federation of Residents Associations

## Email messages from people who couldn't make it but expressed their support.

Annette Grange	Ringslade Road
Helen & Michael Thornhill	Warberry Road
Poppy & Martin Lloyd	Ringslade Road
Con Gillen	Warberry Road
Sue Tong	Warberry Road
Bevan Thomson	Warberry Road
Dave Metcalfe	Cumberland Road
Rosemary Stevenson	Ringslade Road
Elina Lam	

## Opening Remarks

We'd leafleted and emailed about the meeting and had a really good turn out. The idea behind setting up a residents association is to turn our strong community spirit into a formal body that can lobby on our behalf on issues that concern us.

Dave Morris from the Haringey Federation of Residents Associations was introduced and gave a short overview of what a residents association is and how it can be a positive force in a local community by, amongst other things, bringing people together and hosting social events, improving the environment, opposing unwanted development, encouraging safer streets, opposing anti-social behaviour and representing the area to the local council.

Tony McLoughlin pointed out that in previous dealings with the council, especially over the rat-run on Ringslade Rd, it had been all too easy for the council to ignore or dismiss individuals - it would be harder for them to do this with a formal residents association speaking with one voice for the community.

The purpose of the meeting was to set ourselves up as a formal RA - to do this we decided to adopt a constitution and elect officers. Dave was very helpful in talking us through the main issues involved (listed below) and we held votes on all decisions made. All the votes at this meeting were unanimous.

## Adopting A Constitution

### 1) Name

Everyone agreed on keeping the name Railway Cottages Residents Association - it was acknowledged that there were other Railway Cottages outside our area but the name gives the association a clear identity.

### 2) Area to be represented

Involving Wolseley Rd, Selbourne Rd and Barratt Avenue in the association was discussed but several people felt strongly that we should keep the association to Warberry, Cumberland, Bradley, Ringslade and Leverton Cl.

Dave Morris helpfully pointed out that it is much easier to expand the area covered at a later date than shrink down from an initial larger area. It was agreed if there was strong interest from residents on the surrounding streets to join we could change the area covered at a later date but for the moment there was a unanimous vote to stick to Warberry, Cumberland, Bradley, Ringslade and Leverton Cl.

### 3) Number of Meetings & Communication

We decided on having a minimum of 3 general meetings a year which would include the AGM. We set a number of 4 to make the meetings quorate - we obviously hope for much more at meetings but it's set low just so business can be done if for whatever reason there's a low turnout. The next meeting has been set for February - date to be advised.

We agreed the means of letting everyone know about meetings would be by email backed up by leafleting and a one week notice period has to be given - 2 weeks for the AGM. Details will go on the facebook page but it was acknowledged that not everyone uses facebook.

Also once we have a website up and running all info and minutes will be posted on there as well (minus unnecessary personal details).

#### 4) Membership & contributions

The meeting decided on not having annual subs for membership, at least at this stage, as this might prove a barrier to people wanting to join but it was acknowledged that there are some costs involved - hire of meeting rooms, website hosting, social events etc, so we decided on having appeals for funds as and when we need them - for example we could have a fundraiser at the summer street party.

It was decided that anyone who was a resident or a landlord (even if not resident) in the area covered could be a member. We already have 88 local members who have pledged support

#### 5) Election of officers

The following people were elected unanimously

Chair - Frank Hanly

Secretary - Par Sandhu

Treasurer - Tony McLoughlin

Bank Signatory 1 - Pete Yates

Bank Signatory 2 - Apologies but I'm afraid there's a gap in the note taking here - Dave Morris thinks we elected a second bank signatory and it might have been Lizzie Stables - could I have a confirmation or denial of this.

## Next Steps

### Website

Jason Godfrey very kindly offered his expertise as a graphic designer to come up with a logo for the group. We'll be putting out an email shout to see if there's any members with web designing skills who can help us launch a website. In the meantime we'll look into domain names and hosting services.

### Going Public

Dave Morris advised letting all local agencies know that there's a new residents association on the block - that includes Police, Council & local councillors. This is something we'll get straight onto.

## Possible Xmas Social

We want the association to be as much about coming together socially as a community as it is about local issues and we're looking into maybe having an xmas social to complement the summer street party.

## CONCLUSION

All in all a fantastic turnout and a really positive spirit at the meeting. Let's hope we can keep the momentum going and use the association to defend our interests and improve the neighbourhood.