

Dulwich Society Executive 525th Meeting Monday 9th September 2019 7.30pm at St Barnabas Centre – Minutes

Attendees: Ian McInnes (IMcI), Patsy Bramble (PB), David Beamish (DB), Bernard Nurse (BN), Colin Niven (CN), Sue Badman (SB), David Roberts (DR); Adrian Hill (AdH); Brian Green (BG).

(Executive Reports previously circulated by Ian McInnes (Chair), Diana McInnes (Membership), Jeremy Prescott (Gardens), Bernard Nurse (Local History), Licensing (Patsy Bramble), Traffic & Transport (Alastair Hanton), David Roberts (Planning & Architecture), David Beamish (Trees)).

Apologies: Russell Lloyd (RL), Alastair Hanton (AIH), Diana McInnes (DM), Jeremy Prescott (JP), Kenneth Wolfe (KW), Angela Wilkes (AW)

Declarations of Interest

See Appendix 1.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere: None

DS Matters and Events

- a) **Post Cart** (See July Exec minutes for further information). There are several potential locations including the Old Grammar School, Bell House. Rosebery Lodge as now (payment to U3A) and the Postal Museum (storage, no on display). OGS probably more secure & better coverage than Bell House. **Action: Agreed KW would investigate options and logistics.** Set aside £2000 for repairs and moving the cart.
- b) **Marchioness Plaque update.** We hope to install a new bench in the green space by Pond Mead. The neighbouring properties have raised no objection and the plaque will be moved to the bench. Estimated cost £3-4000 in all. The relatives of the two former residents who died in the Marchioness have no connection with the plaque at the present time. **Action: IMcI**
- c) **CGS applications** – deadline is 7 October. Air pollution monitors, trees and posts & chains have been suggested. **Action: AIH, IMcI**
- d) **Dates of 2020 Executive Meetings** – **Action: SB and IMcI** will agree dates and circulate for approval at the next Executive Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The report was circulated. RL not in attendance. The online payments system is now operational.

Licensing and events

Belair House – DS submitted a representation against the grant of the licence on the grounds it does not satisfy two of the four licensing objectives. At the deadline, there were 54 representations against, 21 in support of the application. Date of licensing hearing is unknown.

There is a lamentable lack of detail on Southwark's website about licensing applications. We have raised it with Cllr Simmons, and we understand that Southwark will consider whether the details on their site will be enhanced in the next few months.

Events – Southwark have yet to appoint a new Head of Events. We understand the Peckham Rye events will be repeated in 2020. In the meantime, Southwark Events will continue to support the East Dulwich Christmas Cracker and plan to give a grant to Dulwich Festival. We await further details on Brockwell events. PB has asked to be notified of applications for events in Crystal Palace Park (Bromley Council) which could impact residents in South Southwark.

Dulwich Estate

The Village Orchard and trail were opened officially on 1st September.

The next meeting of the Advisory Group is in November and any issues & comments about the SOM should be passed to IMCl. We will also have a pre-surgery meeting in November.

Society Grants

Requests

- The Bell House defibrillator was unveiled.
- Paid £200 to support a Safe Routes to School event at City Hall on 16th September.
- Agreed £3000 towards a green screen at the Dulwich Village Infants School – handover in Oct/Nov.
- Paid £200 towards plants outside the Croxted Road GP surgery.
- Dulwich Hamlet Archive – Meeting scheduled in Oct for Ian and Bernard to discuss the requirement with the school.
- St Barnabas Parish Hall front entrance area - In principle the Society is willing to contribute to restoration of the front entrance area of the Parish Hall, but we will need to see quotations for the work and confirmation of how St Barnabas church and PCC wish to proceed – Await further.
- 'Striding Man' Sculpture at Charter School North Dulwich – the Society has sent a letter in support of the school's Heritage Lottery Fund bid but has not donated any funding. The Society paid for an expert assessment of the school mural and to date no action has yet been taken to restore it. Rachel Gluyas has agreed to follow up with the School Premises Manager.
- IMCl has agreed to fund 50% of a rivulet/lake survey in Dulwich Park – £700
- No further update on London Wildlife Trust funding request
- Further request from Dulwich Wood Primary relating to a green screen. **Action: IMCl will talk to the Chair of Governors.**
- Full details of progress with current CGS projects and funding awarded for the FY2019/2020 is given in the Chair's report.

Action: IMCl and SB to inform applicants and arrange the payments.

Consultations and Planning

- a. BG and DB are looking at trees around perimeters of sports fields and will if appropriate and with permission from lessees/Estate arrange applications for grants.
- b. The Society has submitted an objection to the DHFC planning application relating to Metropolitan Open Land.
- c. DB attended the recent Southwark Trees Consultation drop-in at the Park. The Trees Committee will consider whether a collective Society response is required to the consultation.
- d. Gilkes Development – A variation has been submitted for planning consent which comprises a list of changes to the plans. Concerns have been raised that the proposal has been value engineered to the extent that a fine design by skilled architects is in danger of being replaced by a mediocre development and the architectural integrity compromised. Action: DR will be asked to review the evidence and if appropriate issue a comment or objection on behalf of the Society.
- e. Cox's Bridge Oak Trees – a campaign and petition are in progress. The Society will monitor developments.
- f. 29 Eastlands Crescent – the demolition and rebuild continues to generate correspondence. There are objections from many neighbours and others in the Dulwich Village area but there is no protection for the 1930s house. It is not architecturally significant. There is a concern that this rebuild will set a precedent for Eastlands and similar 1930s houses in the area. The Society has raised an objection on part of the application but there are no planning grounds to object to the proposal in its entirety.
- g. 11 Fountain Drive – there is a revised application for flats.

Traffic and Transport

- a. The Committee agreed to the proposal for the change to the committee name and remit. The new name is the Travel and Environment Committee.
The new committee remit is:
 - Advocating clean air;
 - Supporting improvements in public transport;
 - Considering the requirements of vulnerable road users (children, the elderly and the disabled);
 - Developing safe active travel networks and reducing vehicle traffic;
 - Promoting low traffic neighbourhoods.
- b. Our Healthy Streets. The Society is closely involved with this Southwark Scheme and is part of the stakeholder group and working party to examine solutions to low traffic neighbourhoods in Dulwich. Two public workshops are scheduled in October. **Action: IMcI, SB and AIH**
- c. The coach re-routing is expected to start later in the Autumn Term.
- d. New Electric Car Charging points have been installed in several streets in Dulwich but there is some confusion about parking arrangements in the charging bays. The councillors are investigating.

Other Dulwich Issues:

- a. Local crime and police response updates are covered in the Chair's report. Burglary is up as is motor vehicle crime (Land Rover Discoverys are a target). Theft of catalytic converters has started up again. All local SNPs are meeting in November to share knowledge.

Additions/Points arising from Reports/Any other business

Bench repairs are ongoing; remedial work on the posts and chains in College Road is complete and a further phase of work will follow. There has been a change to plastic chains with a bolt which makes them harder to break.

Date of next meeting – 4th November 2019 7.30pm, St Barnabas Library

Sue Badman – The Dulwich Society

Executive Meeting Dates 2019

4th November (7.30pm, St Barnabas Library).

2020 AGM – Monday 27th April 2020. Venue to be confirmed.

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Declarations of Interest as at 8 September 2019

Ian McInnes – Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Chairman); Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panels (Member + Deputy Chair of DV SNP).

Sue Badman - Dulwich Events Partnership (Member & DS rep), Safe Routes to School Group (Attendee)

David Beamish – Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich (Deputy Churchwarden); Dulwich Deanery Synod (Hon. Secretary); Southwark Diocesan Synod (Member); Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Committee Member); Member of the Southwark Diocesan Council of Trustees and of its Audit and Risk Committee; Volunteer at Dulwich Picture Gallery; Dulwich & District U3A Committee Member.

Alastair Hanton - Southwark Living Streets (Member); Dulwich and West Norwood Climate Change Coalition (Member); Son Angus Hanton is a Trustee of Bell House.

Adrian Hill – Camberwell & District Allotment Society; Stradella and Springfield Residents' Association (Committee Member); Friends of Crystal Palace Subway (DS rep); Abbeyfield Dulwich Society Ltd (Trustee and Executive Committee Member).