



# PRARA

## NEWSLETTER

**PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane,  
Settrington Road, Hugon Road & Sullivan Road.

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All PRARA members are invited to attend an Open Meeting on Monday 20 November when the Leader of Hammersmith & Fulham Council, Stephen Greenhalgh will speak on topics of direct concern to PRARA members, and answer questions. Sands End and Parsons Green & Walham Councillors are also invited. ***PLEASE* RSVP TO ANN ROSENBERG OR YOUR ROAD REP.**

**Open Meeting**  
**Monday 20 November 2006**  
**Hurlingham & Chelsea School Library**  
**Peterborough Road**  
**Time 6.30pm – 8pm**

The agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome
2. Brief update on South Park
3. Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, Leader of Hammersmith & Fulham Council, to brief members on:
  - ❖ Changes in how council departments are organised or are being changed (such as Direct Services) and what impact this is likely to have on local services;

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- ❖ Changes on the method of allocation of funds for highway cleaning and maintenance and whether these will affect the works in Peterborough and Clancarty Roads scheduled for the current financial year;
- ❖ Future plans for traffic calming and dealing with traffic congestion, especially in response to the extension of the central London congestion charging zone; and
- ❖ Whether there are likely to be in changes in local policing and the organisation and funding of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

4. Members' questions to Cllr. Greenhalgh
5. Any Other Business
6. Informal drinks



## Minutes of the AGM 6 June 2006

Date & Time: 6 June 2006– 7pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Hurlingham & Chelsea School, Peterborough Road.

Attending: Anthony Williams (Vice-coordinator/Clancarty Rd rep.), Ann Rosenberg (Hon.Sec), Simon Champion (Settrington Road Rep), Chrissy Stenning (Hon Treasurer), Guy Nicolson, (Daisy Lane Rep.) Lance & Sue Pierson, (NW Peterborough Road), Paul Leonard, (Planning Rep.), Beth Patrick, (South Park Rep), Alan Kelly (Hugon Road rep).

Guests: Greg Hands (MP Hammersmith & Fulham), Steve Hamilton and Jane Law (Councillors Sands End), Nick Botterill (Councillor Parsons Green & Walham), Sgt Mick McDonald, (Parsons Green & Walham SNT), Sgt M.Trower (Sands End SNT), PCSO Mark Lyons (SNT), Phil Cross (Headmaster H&C School), Brendan Bird (ex-councillor Sands End) and Frances Stainton (Councillor PG & Walham) Jane Law & Steve Hamilton (Councillors Sands End)

30 PRARA members attended plus 9 guests and 4 guest observers.

### **1 Apologies for absence.**

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### **2 Minutes of the AGM 2005 were passed**

(one correction to item 11)

### **3 Welcome**

AW welcomed all the guests and thanked Greg Hands for finding time to attend the AGM and commended him on his continuing local visibility and activities which included support for the South Park improvement scheme. AW also congratulated Headmaster Phil Cross for the progress the school has made, and thanked him for the use of the School Library for the AGM and noted with pleasure that Nick Botterill, one of local councillors and loyal attendee at PRARA open meetings, had been appointed as Deputy Leader following the May elections. AW reiterated PRARA's non political status.

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#### 4 Anthony Williams - Introductory Overview

- ❖ PRARA has been very pleased with the close co-operation we have with the two SNT teams and thanked both Sergeants for their and their teams' efforts. – Sgt M. McDonald reported that they have had a successful year working closely with PRARA and have had some excellent results.
- ❖ Café Deno planning application: 30 PRARA members signed a letter of objection to the granting of an alcohol license. The application was eventually withdrawn as the landlord, (H&F) refused to change the terms of the lease to permit the sale of alcohol.
- ❖ The Standing Committee is now extending the PRARA area when it is relevant to PRARA activities. More people mean more influence.
- ❖ The PRARA website is now ready and should be up and running by the coming weekend – see [www.prara.org.uk](http://www.prara.org.uk). AW thanked Ann and Richard Fleming for all the work they had done on the site. Among the content is PRARA's work regarding South Park and all its problems and recaps on the progress so far on the lottery bid. South Park should now be on top of the Council's agenda. The Council Special Projects team is working on this- with 14 action points for immediate attention and work has already begun.
- ❖ We had been advised that a South Park Users Group should be formed to support the lottery bid and Jane Law offered to work with PRARA on this.
- ❖ AW said that he has been acting co-coordinator since Patricia Hicks retirement 3 years ago, and is now standing down. Although one PRARA member has offered to take on the role of co-coordinator, she cannot do so immediately. So a new acting co-coordinator is needed to take over immediately.

#### Questions from members

- ❖ The vacant Garage on the Green is currently being used by a company to sell bathroom fittings and one questioner wanted to know how long this was to continue. PL replied that the bathroom sales would end shortly, and the site was to be re-developed. Details of the re-development are on the Council's website.
- ❖ Chandlers site – PL reported that planning permission has been given for a 4-5 story office building. It may get rented out in the short term as a B1 unit.
- ❖ Objections to the expansion of Heathrow Airport – one questioner said that the previous council did not register an objection to the proposed extension of the airport – so would the new council now register an objection? Greg Hands MP replied that H&F council will get tougher like the Conservative councils of Wandsworth and Richmond. He is not opposed to Heathrow expansion but is opposed to an increase in air traffic especially night flights.
- ❖ A questioner mentioned an increase of helicopter traffic in the area. It was explained that helicopters were being used more frequently in crime fighting. GH is getting more complaints about night flights and this is under investigation. Sgt Trower said that the support unit of helicopters is also helping dealing with vehicle crime. A PRARA

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member asked why a helicopter spent 90 minutes above Eel Brook Common. Sgt. McDonald replied that vehicle crime has risen this year but is still lower than previous years. Helicopters help in dealing with this sort of crime, especially moped crime.

❖ A questioner asked what the new Council's views were on the extension of the Congestion Charge which will have a major impact on the traffic flow in the borough. Councillor S. Hamilton said they objected to the extension, but Greg Hands MP said that although not a lost battle most of it is now behind us. The Mayor is impervious to pressure but the Conservatives will increase the pressure. It was suggested that Peterborough Road should be closed during peak traffic times, but S. Hamilton said that road closures were not an option, but a one-way system could cut the traffic flow. TfL will seek schemes to alleviate the possible congestion in H&F. So it will be possible for individuals to put forward their ideas and suggestions.

❖ One questioner observed that an unusual number of cars parked in Daisy Lane had disabled stickers – but do not appear to be driven by people who are disabled. Complaints should be directed to the SNT who will investigate the validity of the stickers.

### 5 Annual Reviews from the Standing Committee.

AR (Hon Sec) reported an increase in membership in Hugon Road, but the response from Settrington Road and Sullivan Road was disappointing. Individuals from nearby roads who have requested to join PRARA will be accepted, but it is not anticipated that there will be a recruitment drive outside the current PRARA area.

CS (Hon Treasurer) Report.

### PRARA ACCOUNTS JUNE 2005 – JUNE 2006

DONATIONS	£445.50	
EXPENDITURE		
HACAN		£30.00
Newsletter		£149.93
General Admin		£125.92
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From last year	£87.60	
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	£227.25	

L P (Neighbourhood Watch) outlined the division of the Neighbourhood Watch areas which are now headed by himself and Sue Pierson who will cover Parsons Green Ward, and Sands End Ward. Most of the PRARA members are in the Sands End Ward. [Since the AGM it was realised

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that it would be more efficient for Lance & Sue Pierson to be the key contacts for both wards and this has been implemented with SNT agreement.]

AW (as Clancarty Road representative) said that the problem family in Broom Farm has been removed and the road is now peaceful

GN (Daisy Lane representative) had nothing to report

SC (Settrington Road & PRARA's Chelsea Village Liaison representative), reported that the Club's Victory Parade still presented problems. Jane Law said she had problems getting home despite having the correct pass. The policing was not very good and people were trapped. GH said he would make sure that advance notice would be better next year. He said the council had previously subsidised the parade, but this year the subsidy had been cut.

AK (Hugon Road Representative) reported that the graffiti on the Post Office has now been removed. Four extra trees had been planted and a permanent advertisement for the Acton Housing Association has been removed. However the pavements still need repair, more trees are needed, and street lighting needs improvement. He continued to try to sign more members.

BP (South Park Representative) reported a slight improvement in the general maintenance of South Park. Chris Munro and Ian McFadyn are now prepared to listen to her concerns and now consult her about new plans. She has agreed to be consulted regarding the £25,000 grant to refurbish the children's playground. Four trees had been planted and the future of the damaged terracotta balustrade is being discussed with Charles Truman.

PL – reported that all points had been covered by replies to previous questions. Aragon House's application to change its status to a member's club is in abeyance.

#### **6 PRARA members – suggestions and comments**

- ❖ As parking space was at a premium, it was suggested that PRARA members should place a 'Please Park considerately – don't waste parking space' on the windscreens of offenders. AR agreed to produce a master notice.
- ❖ Sleeping Policemen – S. Hamilton said that there would be no additional ones, and some would be removed.
- ❖ Nick Botterill & Frances Stainton (Cabinet Member for regeneration, arriving late after an environmental cabinet meeting) said they were dealing with the 'Parks for People' lottery bid and that South Park had been made a parallel bid alongside Bishops Park.
- ❖ AW said he had advised the Standing Committee that he was willing to continue to lead the parks for people campaign as well as continue as Clancarty Road Rep. The Committee had agreed that a new title of South Park Campaign Chairman was appropriate. The meeting endorsed this.

#### **7 Nominations for the Standing Committee:**

No nominations had been received for the role of PRARA co-coordinator – so there would be some head-hunting among members.

AR, CS, L&SP, AW, BP, AK, SC, GN were all re-elected. PL was co-opted on planning and Richard Brown as legal rep.

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## **UPDATE AS OF OCTOBER 2006**

### **South Park News**

The User Group consultation has produced over 70 responses, some of which are very detailed and thoughtful, and all are helpful. Thank you to every PRARA member who submitted their comments. All the responses have been collated, and a report summarising the findings and PRARA's requirements has been sent to the Council Project Officer who is working on all aspects of the rejuvenation of South Park. It is intended that the responses will guide the preparation of a conservation plan and a master plan, but it is likely to be some six months before these are ready for further public consultation. Top of the list of wants are better maintenance, a cafe and toilets.

You will have seen that the vandalised terracotta has at long last been removed and all undamaged sections are now in store for future repair work. For safety reasons the terrace has been earth banked and turfed. This is all easily removable for when a replacement railing or fence is agreed as part of the master plan. The damaged and ill kept raised beds in front of the main entrance in Clancarty Road have now been removed which we think is a great improvement. Anthony Williams would be pleased to know your opinion of the change. There will be some new planting inside the Clancarty Road pedestrian gate any time now.

Beth Patrick has been successful in bidding for £400 from the Tree Council for new Trees, and these will be planted in conjunction with pupils from Hurlingham and Chelsea School. Beth continues to monitor maintenance and is in regular contact with council officers about this. If you have a specific problem to report please contact either Beth or Anthony Williams - but please do not repeat anything you might already have raised in the comments you submitted.

We are awaiting the outcome of a bid for additional funding for the Childrens' Play Area improvements. If successful it will enable more extensive improvements than would be possible with the money allocated by the Council. PRARA's involvement in the bid was critical.

Our South Park Campaign Chairman, Anthony Williams, and local councillor Jane Law, were interviewed on 15th September by athlete Roger Black for a forthcoming Radio Four programme. Roger Black is currently working on a project with Hurlingham & Chelsea School to improve the sports and physical education of the pupils and wants the school to be using South Park. This has long been a PRARA objective so we were happy to support Roger Black's efforts, as was Jane Law.

### **Council Consultations**

PRARA has recently been consulted about the Council's new Draft Statement of Gambling Principles, which will dictate how the Council exercises its functions under the Gambling Act 2005, and was also asked for suggestions by the Chairman of the Value for Money Scrutiny Committee. Both matters were considered by the Standing Committee at their September meeting.

We have broadly endorsed the gambling document and in particular have confirmed that we agree with the policy that there should be no casinos within the borough because we are primarily a residential area. A number of suggestions, including the auditing of capital schemes, the need for internal auditing of council workers and the library book buying policy, have been submitted to the scrutiny committee, although from his direct past experience of the function of this committee our new Sullivan Road representative, Brendan Bird, is not optimistic that they will have much impact. Anyone who would like to see a copy of the submission please contact Anthony Williams.

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### **Free smoke alarms**

If you would like the London Fire Brigade to carry out a free home fire safety check, call free on 08000 28 44 28 to arrange an appointment. The Brigade will also fit a free smoke alarm where needed.

### **Statement of Community Involvement in Planning**

PRARA was one of the 15 bodies that responded to the recent council consultation on the draft statement, and the only residents' association to do. We were in the company of English Heritage, Tesco, Morrisons, the Metropolitan Police, Transport for London among others. Most representations were rejected but PRARA was successful in obtaining a requirement that applications should be notified to those people or organisations who had previously made representations about the site or application.

The adopted Statement can be seen at Fulham Library or on the Council's web site.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Co-ordinators Lance and Sue Pierson.

The police recently held a crime prevention advice meeting. They were particularly concerned for those of us who live in Parson's Green and Walham Ward, which has the 11th highest rate of burglary in the country. Especially vulnerable are houses converted into multi-occupancy flats, where security tends to be less good. Most burglary takes place between 1 and 5 pm, midweek while people are out at work. Much burglary is drug-driven, committed by people of no fixed address and hard to find. The police rely on us for information, whenever we witness crime or suspicious behaviour.

They handed out this useful summary of 10 Things we can all do to keep burglars at bay which is attached to this newsletter. This is of course relevant whichever ward we live in.

### **Proposed Peterborough Road / New King's Road "Road Safety Scheme"**

The council have proposed narrowing the entrance/exit of Peterborough Road at the junction with New Kings Road. The committee requested the accident statistics which were being used as the justification for the scheme, and found that all the accidents directly relating to the junction were caused by carelessness or bad driving rather than the junction layout. We have therefore submitted a PRARA response that says that we therefore do not consider that the proposed expenditure is justified on this basis. Further, that we are opposed to Peterborough Road being reduced in width at the junction as this would increase traffic congestion, but that we would not object to some minor, inexpensive cosmetic improvements.

### **Hurlingham & Chelsea School - proposed closure**

The Council is proposing to close the school in two years time, a proposal which has resulted in fierce opposition from the school and which has become a local political issue. As PRARA is a strictly non-political organisation we are avoiding entering directly into the debate although the Standing Committee considered that we should make the following submission to the current consultation process.

First, to raise our concern that the loss of a school on the site would undermine a key element of the planned 'Parks for People' lottery bid for South Park. This envisages an educational use of the park both for sports and other physical activities as well as involving children in horticultural and historical park activities. Second, to express our concern that potential future non-school use

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