



ridley avenue  
residents association &  
neighbourhood watch

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## **RARA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Monday 31 January 2005 @ St Paul's Church Hall**

### **Present**

Anra Hopper, Sue Rocha, John Mitchell, John & Inge Hobson, Antonio Dourado, Gordon Figgett, Liz & Jim Duncan, Kirsty Lord, Graham Horner, Andrew Wright, Andy Dowell, Rowena Perring, Amanda Savage, Maggie Christopher.

### **Apologies**

Carolyn Figgett, Nalan & Diedre Anthoni, Claire Ackling.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The 15th November 2004 public meeting minutes were approved by the Meeting and signed by Rowena Perring.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Fielding Walk**

Amanda Savage reported that she had had no response to her emails to the Council regarding Fielding Walk. Amanda said that different types of trees are pruned in different years.

#### **Fencing**

Andy Dowell reported that he had given up trying to find the ownership of the land alongside No 63 through the Land Registry and would try and get Ealing Council to contact the owner directly.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch Signs**

Rowena Perring reported to the meeting that she had not been able as yet to arrange for NNWA signs to be erected in Ridley Avenue.

#### **Street Lighting**

Andy Dowell told the meeting that he had contacted the council about the street lighting but had not yet received a response. Andy read out the Council's street lighting strategy from the Council website. A resident reported that the council was in the process of replacing all of the street lights across Ealing.

### **Election Of Officers**

The Committee announced that they were prepared to stand again for another year. This was proposed by Anra Hopper and seconded by Kirsty Lord. The meeting voted to pass this proposal. Rowena will be stepping down as Acting Coordinator before the next Public Meeting. Andy said he was prepared to stand in for Rowena on a temporary basis. The Committee appealed for more residents to become members.

### **Changes To The RARA Constitution**

Andy Dowell told the meeting that the Committee proposed a small change to the RARA Constitution – the Committee would now be known as the Coordinating Group. This change was passed by the meeting.

### **Crime Statistics**

Andy Dowell reported that the police were not coming to the meeting. He also mentioned that we no longer have a Beat Officer for our area. Andy said he would contact Ealing Police and try and find out who would be our contact their in future. As a result of this, there were no Crime Statistics to present to the meeting.

The term 'TDA' that was used in the last set of Crime Statistics means "taking and driving away".

The meeting was told that there had been a number of car break-ins recently – late last year outside No. 60 and outside No. 49 in November. Another resident told the meeting that a mail cart had also been stolen recently.

**Any Other Business**

- Andy Dowell gave the meeting details of a new police website called MEND ([www.menduk.org](http://www.menduk.org)) which allows people to register the serial numbers of their electrical products like mobile phones, gameboys, laptop computers and MP3 players etc. The police use this information to trace the owners when they retrieve stolen goods.
- Andy Dowell read out information from the NNWA about insurance cover that automatically applies to local neighbourhood watch groups.
- Amanda Savage reported that the post appeared to be quite erratic at the moment and there seemed to be delays in the delivery of some local mail. Jim Duncan reported that we now had a new postwoman.
- There were complaints about the amount of dog fouling on the pavement in Ridley Avenue. The Committee agreed to contact the Council regarding this.
- John Hobson told the meeting that the Ealing Leader and Ealing Times newspapers were still being left at the end of Ridley Avenue opposite the church and were not being taken away after delivery. Andy offered to contact the papers directly with residents concerns.

**The next RARA Public Meeting is planned for Monday 25 April 2005.**

Minutes signed by: ..... Acting Co-ordinator, RARA  
Date: 25 April 2005