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Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

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Rubbish, pavements, police and trees prevail at RA Open Meeting

The latest Open Meeting organised by the Residents Association brought together councillors and residents in Fellowship House to ask questions and discuss matters of local interest. All three Garden Suburb ward councillors, Rohit Grover, John Marshall and Gabriel Rozenberg, were present as was our MP, Mike Freer.

The event was very ably chaired, while standing at the lectern, by the Reverend Alan Walker of St Jude's Church, who must be getting used to the job of maintaining order at meetings bringing residents and political representatives together. Questions had already been harvested from those attending at the door so there was already a list of topics to be aired.

The meeting started with a question from the Chair asking how, in its fiftieth anniversary year, the politicians saw the conservation area in the past, present and future. All were aware of the special nature of the Suburb and how different it is; its population density; its number of long-term residents; its strong collective organisations; the problems of conservation in difficult financial times; and the role of the Trust in planning.

The next question concerned the proposals of the Boundary Commission on the re-organisation of wards in the borough. Garden Suburb ward would elect only two councillors although it would represent more of the conservation area than before. Conservatives and Labour had made very different submissions

to the commission. The changes remain a proposal at this stage, and the consultation is open until May 13.

Rubbish collection followed with the fortnightly green bin collections and the suspension of the brown bin system under the spotlight. Having to put food waste in with general rubbish caused the most concern, with some residents particularly upset by this, and asking why Camden could manage to make brown bin collections and why vegetable waste could not be put in the green bins.

John Marshall said most people in the borough had not been using their brown bins, and Gabriel Rozenberg added that using food waste for heat to power did not count in the recycling statistics. Mike Freer offered to write to North London Waste to discover why vegetable waste could not be included with garden waste.

Next were questions about trees with Alan Walker asking why trees were being cut down. Unfortunately this was not answered as the time was taken up by a complaint about street tree planting taking place in the wrong season. Rohit Grover suggested taking the question to the next meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum.

The perennial concerns about the state of our pavements followed with complaints not restricted to broken paving stones but including the damage done

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The Secret Garden of two small hideaways at 84 Oakwood Road, that's soon to become an Open Garden on Sunday July 7. See article on page 11.

TERRY BROOKS

The 107th Residents Association AGM

The 107th AGM of the Residents Association was held on Tuesday March 26 in the Henrietta Barnett School Hall. The Chair, Emma Howard, warmly welcomed everyone including the three Suburb Councillors, Marshall, Grover and Rozenberg and Raymond Taylor, HGS Trustee, who also attended.

Emma firstly explained about the voting procedures and then introduced the RA Officers; Steve Morris (Hon. Treasurer), Peter McCluskie (Hon. Secretary) as well as long-serving secretary,



TONY BRAND

Rosemary Goldstein. She thanked all the volunteers for their continued efforts in supporting the RA and the Events Team led by Hella Schrader, who had organised the AGM.

Moving onto the Agenda, all the proposed amendments to the Constitution were approved. The Minutes of the previous AGM were also approved, as well as the level of the annual subscription. Peter Hartley the RA's Honorary Accountant was, again, reappointed.

Elections to Council and the Officer positions were then taken. Emma introduced Helen Leiser, who was standing for Council, who explained that she had lived in the Suburb for 30 years and had volunteered for the Trust; she had then been appointed to CONSAM. Helen spoke of her commitment to the high standards on the Suburb and, as a previous magistrate, she cared about crime prevention in the area. Helen reiterated her concerns for residents and the need for dialogue between the police and residents.

Emma thanked Tony Ghilchik for his long service as Chair of the Trees & Open Spaces Committee for nearly 10 years, which was received with a hearty round of applause. Tony

was duly presented with a bottle of wine in appreciation of his service. Emma reminded the audience about Suburb News and its

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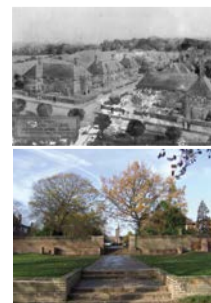


Heritage Now and Then

An illustrated presentation by James Stourton to mark the 50th anniversary of the designation of the Suburb as a conservation area in 1969.

3:30pm Sunday 2 June 2019
Friends Meeting House, 17 North Square

Tea & biscuits at 4.30pm



James Stourton was Chairman of Sotheby's UK from 2007 until 2012.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Historical Research and a member of the Panel of the Heritage Memorial Fund and is the author of Great Houses of London (2012) and the official biography Kenneth Clark: Life, Art and Civilisation (2016).

No entry charge
A donation of £5 however would be welcome to cover our costs

This is a popular annual event organised by the HGS Residents Association in memory of Michael Rowley.