



Hackbridge & Beddington Corner  
Neighbourhood Development Group

**AGM**

**WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2018  
19:30 at BEDZED PAVILION**

**Present:**

Lysanne Horrox  
Helena Barrowclough  
Danielle Reid  
Peter Alfrey  
Norman Jones  
David Goymour  
Mark Armstrong  
Julia Armstrong

**Tributes to Peter Lloyd**

All present paid tribute to Peter, who died suddenly on 3 March 2018. Peter had been a founder member of the NDG, serving as Vice Chair and latterly as Treasurer. He was committed to improving the environment of Hackbridge for the benefit of all and was a highly valued member of the group.

**Annual Report**

This had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Update on Neighbourhood Plan**

It was unacceptable that our Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted on 20 April 2017 to Sutton Council and that we have been waiting since the end of October 2017 for an external examiner to be appointed. We understand that Collette Willis is finally preparing the tender process for appointment of an external examiner and we hope this is not delayed even further due to purdah.

It was likely that our Plan was not in conformity with the new Sutton Local Plan, and it would be interesting to see what comments the External Examiner had on that!

### **Draft Finance Report**

Owing to Peter's death no finance report had been prepared. Lysanne reported that expenditure 2017/18 had been minimal and only for meeting rooms. The NDG had paid the printers for the Hackbridge booklets, but had been reimbursed by the Viridor Community Benefit fund. Approximately £3.5k funds were available. The meeting agreed that it would be appropriate to spend some of this money on a permanent tribute to Peter. One option would be to have a plaque on one of the rain gardens or tree pits at Hackbrige Corner.

### **Future of NDG**

The meeting discussed whether the NDG should continue, and if so in what form. There was strong support for continuance, while recognising the limits to what could be pursued with limited resources. It was agreed that the NDG would continue at least until the External Examination had taken place.

### **Election of Roles**

Lysanne was not able to remain as Chair owing to a change in circumstances. David had already resigned as Vice Chair owing to other commitments. He was also soon to move out of the area (although would continue to support the NDG). After some discussion it was agreed that the following people would serve for the next six months:

Julia Armstrong – Chair  
Danielle Reid – Vice Chair  
Helena Barrowclough – Secretary

### **Any other Business**

1. Helena reported that she had attended the recent Local Committee meeting, which was discussing Parking. Having had responses back from the parking survey it appeared that the Council was seeking further information from residents. Accordingly the issue had been kicked into the long grass!
2. Helena also reported that there was now a draft "Sutton Plan" document, different from the Local Plan! (See <http://www.thesuttonplan.org/>). It is unclear whether this is in conformity with the Local Plan! It is astonishing that the NDG has not been notified of the existence of this document.
3. Lysanne reported that Sutton now had a new Planning Portal. On visiting it she noticed that the latest application from Redrow for Phase 2 of the Wandle Valley Trading Estate had been refused.
4. The manager of the Sutton Business Centre had been in touch with Lysanne, concerned about the fate of the trees alongside Restmor Way. She advised Lysanne that Restmor Way was a private road. This could have implications for the redevelopment of Vulcan House.
5. Once our Plan is approved we would need to consider our future, as we would no longer be an NDG. We could turn ourselves into a fundraising body, which would give us access to CIL monies.
6. It was noted that the tree pit outside the hairdresser had recently been tarmaced over, to enable more parking. It is unclear on what authority this was done. It was agreed that the trees needed protection from aggressive parking!