

**LADBROKE ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
at St.Peter's Church, Kensington Park Road

Present	Thomas Pakenham President Graham Child Chairman Paul Bastick Peter Chapman David Marshall Peggy Post Sophia Lambert Anne Chorley Sandra Kamen Kay Broadbent Jo Simmonds Michael Becket Jean Gillespie Trina and Chris Fleming-Brown Michael Cocks Rosemary Lamont Jane Martineau Nicola Child
Apologies	Peter Mishcon Malcolm Pawley

## **1. Chairman's Report**

Probably the one single matter of most concern to members of the Ladbroke Association has subterranean developments as applications continue to flow in. Although some applications have been refused, this has almost always been because relevant documentation was missing or because things such as light wells and roof lights were unacceptable to the planners.

The Ladbroke Association has been cooperating with the Council on the preparation of a new policy document on subterranean developments and although this had been approved by the Government Inspector it is now the subject of a judicial enquiry so its implementation could not be guaranteed.

There is also great concern about the loss of pubs and in the Norland area only one remains. Ladbroke is active in trying to persuade the Council to restrict change of use by applying an Article 4 Direction to pubs in the Ladbroke area. The Kensington Park Hotel on Ladbroke Grove has been given the status of Asset of Community Value because of considerable local opposition to its change of use, but this was being challenged; and a pub on the corner of Portobello Road and Lancaster Road has already become a Japanese restaurant.

The Association held a very successful winter party, thanks to Samantha Hunt who kindly agreed to the use of her beautiful house. It has been agreed that in future years our annual party will be held in the New Year.

The unveiling of the Osbert Lancaster Blue Plaque at 79 Elgin Crescent was been a great event. It was followed by a reception organized by the Ladbroke Association in cooperation with English Heritage and held in Rosmead Garden, for which many thanks to the Garden Committee. All members were invited to attend and we also welcomed guests from English Heritage; members of the Lancaster family; and James Knox, who had curated the exhibition on Osbert Lancaster at the Wallace Collection in 2009. One of the guests, Gavin Stamp, commented that such a wonderful party had not been held since the unveiling of the Blue Plaque for Winston Churchill.

The architectural historian Mark Girouard also attended and recalled his lecture to the Ladbroke Association in the 1990s on Lansdowne House. He has now very kindly given us his slides from the lecture, which are now in our archive.

It has been suggested that the Ladbroke Association should be able to communicate with members by email and an item in the next Newsletter would contain a request for email addresses.

The Chairman thanked all members of the committee for their continuing support.

## **2. Adoption of the Accounts**

The Treasurer circulated the accounts to the meeting and presented a report on individual items of income and expenditure.

It was noted that we claim Gift Aid on a two yearly basis. The subscription remained at £15 for new members and there was an increase in the number of members subscribing to the Association. A few members were still paying the old rate of £5. It was suggested that we could use the Newsletter to invite members paying the old rate to make a voluntary increase to £15.

Our reserves remained substantial and it was considered that this was prudent to enable us to support any action in respect of planning or the need for specialist advice. David Campion proposed and Sandra Kamen seconded the adoption of the accounts.

## **3. Election of Officers.**

Graham Child stood down as Chairman after five years' service. It was suggested that Sophia Lambert should be appointed to take over of Chairman of the Association. There being no other nominations Graham Child proposed and Peggy Post seconded the election of Sophia Lambert as Chairman for the next three years.

Peter Chapman proposed a vote of thanks to Graham Child for his years of service to the Ladbroke Association. Under his Chairmanship the Association had prospered and made a considerable impact on the Kensington and Chelsea stage. Graham had generously hosted a

dinner for our President Thomas Pakenham and all members of the committee. Under his stewardship the Osbert Lancaster event had been a memorable success.

Paul Bastick and Anne Chorley had agreed to stand again as Treasurer and Secretary. The appointment of Paul Bastick as Treasurer was proposed by Anne Chorley and seconded by Kay Broadbent and the appointment of Anne Chorley as Secretary was proposed by Graham Child and seconded by Sandra Kamen. Both were duly elected.

#### **4. Election of Committee**

All members of the committee had been re-elected in 2014 with the exception of Kay Boadbent who was duly elected after being proposed by Anne Chorley and seconded by Paul Bastick.

David Campion proposed a vote of thanks to the Vice Chairman Peter Chapman who had valiantly stood in on many occasions.

#### **5. Any other business**

David Campion said that he was a member of the Planning Committee and the Planning Scrutiny Group. He was not happy with the arrangements for pre-application advice. He felt that it was quite irregular that pre-app advice was not on the RBKC website for public scrutiny along with the other material supporting planning applications. The information should be in the public realm more than one week before going to planning committee. He hoped to have some success in changing this.

Concern was also expressed about the impact of new Government policies on permitted development, i.e. the right to build up to 2 stories on a property without planning permission, would have on the area

It was asked whether there was an overall authority bringing together all the amenity societies. It was noted that the Kensington Society and Chelsea Society acted in some ways as umbrella bodies in Kensington and Chelsea. In addition, the Ladbroke Association was a member of the London Forum which brought together the amenity societies on a London-wide basis.

It was suggested that the Ladbroke Association should show more interest in things in neighbouring areas. There was particular concern about developments in Hammersmith.

Cynthia Trivett-Bill advised the meeting that St.Peter's Church was to be renovated and repaired. Historic England would be involved as the Church is listed Grade II\*. An information evening was to be held and Ladbroke Association members would be welcome. There was also to be a series of lectures to raise funds. The Ladbroke Association agreed to publicise these and would publish a suitable article in the Newsletter.