

THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Monday June 21st 1982 at the Knights of St. Columba Club, 11, Lansdowne Road at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman Mr. Peter Thorold.

Apologies.

Jeremy Lever, Lord Thomas of Swinerton, John Scott, Mrs. Searight

1) MINUTES

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were approved and signed.

2) MATTERS ARISING

These were dealt with under other items.

3) HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership had increased from 217 last year to 324. There were 183 standing orders and 87 covenants. 35 subscriptions were outstanding, and the Treasurer had sent reminders. The bank balance was satisfactory due to interest on deposit. Expenses had risen, and the cost per member for printing, copying etc. was now more than the minimum subscription.

4) ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

The Report was adopted.

5) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman, Mr. Peter Thorold, the Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretary were all re-elected.

6) ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Retiring members were, Lady Bingham, Mr. Peter Chapman and Lady Reay. Mr. Chapman had been responsible for the production of Newsletters, and the Chairman expressed appreciation for his valuable work. Mr. DuCane has agreed to take over Newsletter production.

The following were elected to the committee;

Mr. J. Lever re-elected

Mr. P. Austerfield

Mr. D. Marshall

Mrs J. Park

Mr. D. Posnett

7) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The proposed Amendments were circulated to members with the minutes

The first Amendment states that "The subscription shall be fixed by the Executive Committee, and to be payable on or before the 1st April each year."

The second Amendment reads "The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to fill vacancies, and to invite other persons to attend meetings in an advisory and non-voting capacity. Members of the Committee shall be elected for a period of three years, except in the case of co-opted members who shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following their election."

The Amendments were passed by the Meeting.

8) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr.Thorold said that he would start with a touch of drama. The Council had without warning, introduced a new form of street lighting into Kensington Park Road, and later into Elgin Crescent and Clarendon Road. A letter of protest on the complete lack of consultation was sent. The reply was a non-answer. Next the Chairman of Works Committee was approached, and the reply was half a non-answer and half a wrong answer. After another letter, the Chairman and Mr.Lan Grant had a meeting with Mr.Davies, and were able to explain the Association's point of view. This episode was mentioned because it was exceptional. By and large there is very good co-operation with the Council.

Conversation with Mr.Davies brought up the subject of pavements, always of much concern at A.G.M.s. The Association now has a supply of cards available for individuals to send in complaints.

During the year the most important sites discussed were Kensington Temple, Bulmer Mews, 1,Arundel Gardens and 2,Lansdowne Crescent. More recently additional storeys were proposed in Ladbroke Gardens and Stanley Gardens.

Members' Meetings addressed by the President of the Royal Academy and by Mr.Angus Stirling were very well attended.

The Council were to bring out a revised plan for the area.

A new project was a selection of postcards with views of the Ladbroke area early this century. These could be examined and ordered after the meeting.

The Chairman expressed disappointment at the lack of liaison with Gardens Committees.

He thanked the K.S.C.Club for the use of the rooms. It would be probably the last time a meeting could be held there, due to the forthcoming sale of the Club.

The Chairman was thanked for his Report.

9) A.O.B.

Councillor David Campion said that the Council were anxious to co-operate with conservation societies. He mentioned that Mr.Ian Grant had received an award for his restoration of 98 Elgin Crescent

Discussion followed on street lighting, rubbish skips, advertising on litter bins on lamp standards and parking meters. The possibility of life membership was suggested.

19 Lansdowne Walk. Some work carried out did not have planning permission. Views were expressed that a) it was competent architecture but not to everybody's taste, and b) it was an interesting addition to the area.