

THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION
The Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting
was held on Tuesday, 27th June, 1995
at no 2 Lansdowne Crescent, W 11

Chairman - Stephen Enthoven

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

1. Apologies : Michael Riley, Mrs J. Wetter
2. Minutes of the last meeting :

These were circulated and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising : None
4. Chairman's Report :

The Chairman gave an account of the year during which we strove to continue to protect the architectural and garden environment in our area.

The London Conservation Areas Conference had been putting pressure on government to give more protection in conservation areas where permitted development was doing damage. Some progress was being made, but not as much as had been hoped.

There had been closer liaison with the Council and Mr Kelsey had attended one of our meetings when two issues in particular were discussed :-

1) We had requested a better standard for drawings which accompanied planning applications where often the final appearance of the proposal was not clear. It was hoped there would be some change here but the legislation was weak.

2) We had asked whether the UDP would reinforce the CAPS, and had been told that when it was adopted, it would support most of the provisions of the CAPS, although it would not guarantee the force of law.

Estate Agents' boards. Despite a serious illness, Brian Ellsmoor had been vigorously active in bringing these to the Council's notice and a number of agents had been prosecuted and fined; some repeatedly.

Notting Hill Gate Improvement Scheme. Everyone will have noticed the many improvements in Notting Hill during the past year, including new tree planting, replacement of iron railings and improved shop facades. This was warmly commended but money was still needed and residents were encouraged to support the Scheme. We had donated £1,000 over the year from our funds and a further £124.55 had been raised by the Christmas party.

A tree sub-committee had been formed, the members of which had worked hard during the year. Robina Rose had organised a meeting of Garden Squares representatives on 25th June to discuss issues and problems in common. There had been three speakers,, - Henrietta Phipps, landscape designer, Jeremy Lever, landscape planner, and

Derek Austin, Principal Arboricultural Officer for RBKC, who had responded to questions from the floor. There was strong support for making this an annual event.

Brian Ellsmoor had written an article on trees for the recent News Letter which elucidated what can and cannot be done to them.

We had subscribed to the London Historic Parks & Gardens Trust.

As the public lavatories in the Underground station were due to close in two years' time, the Council was considering installation of a public lavatory south of the taxi hut in Kensington Park Road. The Chairman asked for a show of hands; an overwhelming majority disapproved of this.

Membership had now reached 402.

Planning applications had regularly been perused by Robert Meadows and David Marshall. As everyone knew, the St John's Undercroft had now been completed which not only provided the parish with a spacious amenity but had turned out to be acceptably unobtrusive in architectural terms.

The Council had decided to take action against the unlicensed signs above and next to Punjani newsagents at Ladbroke Grove. We had objected about these in the past but they had been in place a long time. Punjani had lost the appeal and the large sign would be removed soon but the smaller ones would stay.

Events. There had been a successful Christmas party at no 23 Stanley Gardens, the home of Mr and Mrs Adam. The Spring walk in May had been in three local gardens with Henrietta Phipps, Jean Ellsmoor and Alan Hutchinson talking about them.

All in all, it had been a busy and successful year.

5. Amendments to constitution : None

6. Adoption of annual accounts :

The Hon Treasurer reported on our financial position and explained the various items in the Accounts. Receipts were up on last year because of increased subscriptions, increased party takings and lower bank interest. Expenses were slightly higher because of our donation of £1,124.55 to the Notting Hill Gate Improvement Scheme, although News Letter expenses were lower because only one issue had been produced. The reserves of just over £5,214.04 were healthy; there was no need to increase subscription rates at this stage and it was reassuring to have reserves in case we were called upon to contribute towards a consultant in the event of a planning battle over a matter of principle.

Cllr Campion proposed that the accounts be adopted which was seconded by David Marshall.

The Hon Treasurer was thanked for all his hard work.

7. Election of Officers :

The Chairman had completed his third term and in the absence of anyone else, was willing to carry on for a further year. M J Wormell proposed that he should do so which was seconded by Peggy Post.

The Chairman proposed that Paul Bastick should continue as Hon Treasurer and Membership Secretary which was seconded by Diana Ward.

8. Election of Committee :

By a show hands, the following members who were due to retire, were re-elected :

Ian Grant	Robert Meadows	Peggy Post
Brian Ellsmoor	Thomas Pakenham	

Catherine Porteous and Jane Martineau had both tendered their resignations because of other commitments and Lis Meyland-Smith had moved from the area so had also resigned. The Chairman thanked them for their contribution.

The Chairman proposed that Anne Chorley be elected to the Committee which was seconded by Peggy Post.

The Hon Treasurer proposed that Robina Rose be elected to the Committee which was seconded by David Marshall.

Owing to pressure of work, Jeremy Lever had declined an invitation to serve but his wife, Jill, had offered herself. Robert Meadows proposed that she be elected to the Committee which was seconded by the Hon Treasurer.

9. Any Other Business :

Guy Mayers suggested that the Association might like to donate a tree to the Kensington Temple, to help tidy up the apex of their grounds as well as mollify relations between us. The Chairman agreed to put this to the Committee.

Jean Ellsmoor mentioned the Council scheme to contribute £60 to the planting of any approved tree visible from the highway.

Christine Ingham asked if we were aware of a proposed bus route along Ladbroke Grove. Cllr Campion replied that the council was anxious for a link between the south and north of the borough and hoped that one of the new private bus companies would take this up.

Diana Ward protested that street trees might be damaged.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Campion for all his hard work, attending our meetings and providing a link between us and the Council.

Cllr Campion proposed a vote of thanks for the Chairman, Hon Treasurer, and all the Committee who had worked so hard during the year.

The Chairman closed the meeting and welcomed Piers Paul Read, a nearby resident and author who would speak to us on Writing in W11.