

**LADBROKE ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
at St Peter's Church Kensington Park Road

The meeting was preceded by an address by Graham Stallwood, RBKC Executive Director of Planning and Borough Development, on the changing nature of the Borough over the next 15 years.

Present	Sophia Lambert	Apologies	David Marshall
	Angus Sterling		Peter Chapman
	Paul and Sally Bastick		Tom Croft
	Anne Chorley		Malcolm Pawley
	Peggy Post		Gordon Cooke
	Sandra Kamen		Lady Fox
	Kay Broadbent		
	Michael Becket		
	Peter Mishcon		
	Catherine Faulks		
	Sylvia Parnell		
	Harry and Liz Salmon		
	Jean Gillespie		
	Babette Brown		
	Jo Simmonds		
	Ken Serdons		
	Rosemarie Breitenstein		
	Celia Elmhirst		
	Vanessa Thomas		
	Fiona and Chris Fleming-Brown		
	Eileen Strathnaver		
	Edward Manisty		
	Bridget Davies		
	Paul Krebs		
	Keith Macrae		
	Sion O'Connor		
	Guy and Josie Mayers		
	Jack de Gruitier		
	Robina Rose		
	Barbara Campbell		
	Penny Laughton		
	Mr & Mrs M Ferguson		
	Lindsay Miller		
	Tim Allen-Neish		
	Dolores Sheridan		
	Evelyn Jacomb		
	Patricia Morton		

## **1. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting were approved.

## **2. Chairman's Report**

The chairman said that at the last year's meeting the matter of most concern to members was subterranean developments. The Council had since introduced a basement policy that put them ahead of other Councils, for which they were to be congratulated. The Environmental Health department of the Council had also issued a Code of Construction Practice on minimising noise, vibration and dust which was particularly valuable. However, more needed to be done through national legislation. Lord Dubs, a Labour back-bench Peer, had with some help from the Ladbroke Association had tabled excellent amendments to make the appropriate changes to the law. Although the Government did not accept his proposals, they had at least agreed to review the planning rules on basements.

The Ladbroke Association aimed to look at all planning applications in our area. The architect and surveyor committee members who look at the applications are very busy professionals and it is not always easy for them to find the time, so we had very much welcomed a new architect on the committee, Tom Croft.

We objected to perhaps half a dozen applications every month and put in our comments to the Council. We had begun monitoring how successful our objections were. It was good to report that in about two thirds of cases where we had objected, the application had either been refused or withdrawn.

Generally the planning officers were pretty good at ensuring that the visual heritage is preserved. But they are not always as cognisant as they might be of features of historical/architectural significance. An example of this was a symmetrical terrace with set back side porches at either end and an applicant at one end of the terrace who wanted to move the porch forward, thus breaking the symmetry. The Officers took the view that this did not matter because the terrace was a long one and the change would not be noticed, yet it would have destroyed a deliberate Victorian design feature.

The Association kept a general eye on what was happening just outside our area, for instance in Notting Hill Gate, and we had been consulted by the various property companies who own different buildings in Notting Hill Gate. Strong feelings were aroused by the application to replace the Newcombe House tower by a taller one. The committee had thought long and hard about this and decided to support the application. Although the new tower would regrettably be taller, it would be more slender and elegant. The application also included several features that would bring benefits to the area, including the plaza, better access to the Underground and a modern welfare centre, and in order to pay for these the developer required sufficient lettable space. Moreover, in the last 10 years there had been three different developers and three different proposals,

and if this much improved one was not accepted, there was a fear that it would be years before the area would be redeveloped

### **3. Annual Party**

The Association had held a very successful Summer Party, thanks to Lady Amabel Lindsay who entertained us in her quite remarkably beautiful garden. The weather was particularly kind which enhanced everyone's enjoyment.

### **4. Adoption of Accounts**

The Treasurer circulated the accounts to the meeting and presented a report on individual items of income and expenditure. It was noted that the Association claims Gift Aid on a two yearly basis. The subscriptions remained at £15 and we had attracted a number of new members. We had received a legacy of £5,000 from a long standing member Michael Cocks and our reserves currently remain substantial. It was considered that this was prudent and sufficient to enable us support any action in respect of planning or the need for specific advice. Peggy Post proposed and Anne Chorley seconded the adoption of the accounts.

### **5. Election of Officers**

At the 2015 AGM Sophia Lambert had been elected Chairman for the next three years and Peter Chapman had agreed to act as Vice-Chairman for the coming year. Paul Bastick and Anne Chorley had agreed to stand again as Treasurer and Secretary. Their election was proposed by Sandra Kamen and seconded by Kay Broadbent.

### **6. Election of Committee**

All existing members of the committee had agreed to stand again. New members Tom Croft and Catherine Faulks had been duly proposed and seconded in advance of the AGM.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.