

THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION

The 22nd Annual General Meeting was held on
Wednesday, 27th June 1990 at 8:30 pm at
St John's Parish Centre, 2 Lansdowne Crescent, W 11

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Chairman : T Pakenham

1. Apologies : I Grant, D Marshall, J Martineau, B Ellsmoor, P Bastick

The Chairman welcomed everyone at the meeting and introduced David Campion.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

P Thorold referred to item 5 and the post of chairman; T Pakenham had agreed to serve for another full year. The Minutes were approved and signed.

3. The Chairman's report:

The Chairman paid tribute to the long-serving members of the Committee, particularly P Thorold who is now resigning, after many years of active work as well as two terms as chairman. Also retiring are E Jacomb, C Foster and L Kelly; the Chairman said how grateful he was for their help.

The Chairman spoke warmly of the successful social events of the year. We had a summer party in Elgin/Lansdowne Gardens, where the guests included our MP, Dudley Fishburn; there were almost 200 in attendance, addressed by Angus Stirling. At the autumn meeting, we had Mark Girouard as guest speaker on the Architecture of Victorian entertainment. The Committee had also visited Charles Jencks' house where numbers had been limited, so that this opportunity could not be offered more widely.

Dealing with the work of the Committee, the Chairman referred to the speech of the Chairman last year and emphasised that there had been better co-ordination with other amenity societies during the year. He had attended the newly formed London Forum, whose chief aim this was. One important resolution concerned permitted development rights which should be suspended in conservation areas.

The Chairman detailed progress with the Information Pack which would be available to newcomers. This was almost ready and contained twelve items in a 'Jackdaw' style folder. It included an article by I Grant on stucco and practical information.

Of great concern to residents in our conservation area was the future of garden squares. Dudley Fishburn, MP, hoped to put a private members' bill to Parliament so that they will be better protected.

The most emotive issue this year had been Cable TV. We had fought from the beginning the installation of grey booster boxes; P Mishcon and J Tulley had been active in this campaign. Unfortunately, the unsightly boxes already installed would not be changed; but the rest of the borough had benefited from our struggle, as a better arrangement is in effect there.

The Chairman believed that the greatest threat to our conservation area was in overbuilding. He referred to the Health Care building in Ladbroke Terrace, built contrary to the Council's wishes; the DoE overturned the Council's refusal. In the same way, the site of 10 Ladbroke Terrace was threatened; and we strongly opposed the proposal to erect office accommodation where at present the Masonic

Temple stands in the garden. In this instance, the Association and the immediate neighbours had employed a planning consultant which seemed for the moment to have stayed the Council's hand. The Chairman emphasized the Committee's vigilance in these matters.

Not so successful was our intercession on behalf of Aston Webb's house, no 1 Lansdowne Walk. With English Heritage, we had hoped to preserve both exterior and interior. We failed to stop the developers obtaining permission for seven flats, but we hoped that the outside would be preserved.

The increasing problem of gap-filling was explained. In the Conservation Area's Proposals Statement, several 'gaps' were designated to be preserved; nonetheless, these very spaces were being whittled away. Roof extensions and extra floors were spoiling the proportions of terraces. Conservatories were creeping out into back gardens, swallowing the greenery. All these were threats to the original design of the Ladbroke area.

Finally, the Chairman referred to the problem of development without planning permission. The American school at 36/38 Kensington Park Road and the Kensington Temple were two examples.

4. Adoption of the Annual Accounts:

In the absence of the Hon Treasurer, the Chairman explained the accounts which had been circulated. Subscriptions have increased. Expenses included our share of the professional fees in the matter of no 10 Ladbroke Terrace.

Cllr Campion proposed acceptance of the accounts which was seconded by S Enthoven.

The Chairman thanked the auditor and the treasurer for their work and G Mayers was re-appointed as Hon Auditor.

Membership was discussed and the secretary for the Ladbroke Square Committee offered to include information about the Ladbroke Association in her correspondence with her members. It was suggested that Association members should keep an eye out for newcomers and tell them about the area.

5. Election of Officers/Committee:

The Chairman expressed the view that the Committee needed a secretary and proposed J Martineau. This was seconded by Cllr Campion.

The Chairman proposed P Bastick as treasurer, seconded by P Thorold

P Austerfield expressed his willingness to stand for another three years. He was proposed by T Pakenham, seconded by M Popovic

T Pakenham proposed that P Mishcon and J Joll should be co-opted on to the Committee, seconded by A Stirling.

6. Any Other Business:

Cllr Campion gave details of a meeting for representatives from the local amenity associations.

The Chairman thanked all present for attending the meeting.

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The Ladbroke Association
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31st March 1991

<u>1990</u>		<u>1991</u>
	RECEIPTS	
1,814.55	Subscriptions received	2,308.55
279.95	Bank interest (gross)	359.25
673.58	Other income	32.87
2,768.08		2,700.67
	PAYMENTS	
365.46	Postage, printing & stationery	309.38
284.50	Newsletter	236.09
15.00	Meetings	94.99
30.00	Subscriptions	56.00
276.57	Donations	-
10.42	Bank charges	40.20
329.38	Secretarial services	266.10
-	- Consultancy fees	964.83
665.22	20th year party	-
1,976.55		1,967.59
791.53	Surplus for the year	733.08
3,806.19	Accumulated fund	4,597.72
4,597.72		£5,330.80
	Represented by:-	
4,851.07	Bank deposit account	5,282.32
(397.49)	Bank current account	305.01
144.14	Petty cash	36.46
4,597.72		5,623.79
-	- Less: Creditors	(292.99)
£4,597.72		£5,330.80

Chairman *Thom Parker*
Hon. Treasurer *Abertich*

Report of the Honorary Auditor to the members of the **Ladbroke Association** an unincorporated association registered with the Charity Commissioners.

I have audited these financial statements in accordance with approved auditing standards. This charity, in common with many others of similar size and nature, derives a substantial proportion of its income from voluntary subscriptions and donations which cannot be controlled until they are entered in the accounting records and are not therefore not susceptible to independent audit verification.

Subject to that, in my opinion these financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31st March 1991 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

Guy Mayers
11 Lansdowne Walk W11

Chartered Accountant
Guy Mayers
7. 6. 1991