

Minutes of a meeting of the Vinters Park Residents Association held at Vinters Boys School on the 25th April, 1978, at 8.00 p.m.

No. 1
CHAIRMAN'S OPENING
REMARKS

The Chairman, Mr. Ian Chiffenden, welcomed all those present and introduced the Committee Members on the platform:

Mr. Keith Bramley	Vice Chairman
Mr. Andrew Newman	Treasurer
Mr. Richard Humphrey	Committee Member

He also welcomed his guests:

Mr. Peter Wait	Maidstone Borough Councillor
Dr. Felicity Simpson	Kent County Councillor

No. 2
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that it was again a very busy year for Committee Members. Association Membership for 1977/78 had increased by 25% over the previous year's figure to a total of 614 residences.

The main Committee had met ten times during the year.

The Chairman stated that at the last A.G.M., a motion was carried that "The Association proceed with the raising of money for the Community Centre and that the Committee continue with negotiations concerning a site and report back to a General Meeting before commitments were entered into". To do this, two sub-committees have been formed, firstly to deal with the land and building, consisting of committee members and a local architect, and its progress will be outlined later. The second was the fund raising by the Social Activities Committee, and Richard Humphrey will report on its activities under item 8 of the Agenda.

At the last A.G.M. a revised constitution was approved, and following this the Association had applied for and had now become a registered charity.

Four news letters have been published during the course of the year, and the Chairman offered his thanks to Stewart and Rose Clark who had edited and illustrated the last three issues. He also thanked Dave Thompson for his cartoons.

The Chairman then outlined some matters that had been dealt with or were being dealt with by the Association:

a) Silver Jubilee Celebrations

To celebrate Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in June last year, the Residents Association, the Woodlands Play Group and the P.T.A. of East Borough School, jointly organised the Jubilee Celebrations at the school for the children of the Estate. There were 300 children

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and their parents enjoyed an afternoon of sports, a Jubilee tea and entertainment by a magician. This was followed by a supper dance in the evening.

b) Local Authority / Maidstone Borough Council

We had during the year liaised with the Local Authority on a number of items. As a result of our efforts, road repairs have been carried out, staggered barriers have been erected on the footpaths between Crawford Close and Marston Drive, and a 'No Through Road' sign has been erected in Marston Drive at the junction with Commador Road.

We had also made comments on several planning applications which affected the Estate.

c) Snowdon Parade Shops

We had received many complaints about the state of the shops, with special regard to the scaffolding and fencing.

With regard to the scaffolding, as we have previously stated, this was a temporary structure supporting the canvas canopy, and we understood that planning permission had been given for a permanent support system to replace it. The Committee had again written to the Chancery Land Company, the owners of the shops, asking when the work would be carried out.

d) Bus Service

Over the past few months we have received an increasing number of complaints relating to the bus services available to the Estate. It seemed that recently the route had been changed, much to the inconvenience of many of the residents it was meant to serve. The Chairman confirmed that they would be taking the matter up with the local Bus Company.

e) Driving Schools

The Chairman reported that over a period of eighteen months the Committee had tried all means of reducing the number of cars using the Estate. Following the submission of a petition and a survey of particular schools and cars, several articles appeared in the Kent Messenger. Subsequent discussions with representatives of the Traffic Commissioners of the South East Traffic Area did seem to reduce slightly the number of learner drivers but this did not last long. Special mention had been made to the Commissioners with regard to emergency stops, which seemed to worry a lot of people, and we understand that an appropriate memo had been passed to local schools. The Chairman said it was now felt that all avenues had been explored and there would be no further benefit in pursuing the matter.

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f) Mobile Library

The Chairman reported that the question of a mobile library serving the Estate was still being pursued.

g) Community Centre Committee

Briefly four sites had been investigated, one of which had been rejected, leaving three.

The suitability to take the proposed building in relation to statutory services available, cost and the effect on properties had been assessed. In doing so, we had discussions with various Departments of Maidstone Borough Council, the Kent County Council, and Taylor Woodrow, had taken advice from a local architect.

It was hoped that a special meeting could be called within a few months to discuss the proposals.

h) Father Christmas

The Chairman was pleased to report that they were able to arrange for a special visit by Father Christmas, which he hoped the children and parents had enjoyed.

To finish, the Chairman thanked all those who had helped the Association, in particular Officers and Committee Members who had worked very hard during the year. A lot of time and effort had been devoted by many in getting the fund raising underway. Most of the problems have been sorted out and the Chairman asked that Members of the Estate continued with their active support.

No. 3
MINUTES OF LAST
GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes had been available for inspection prior to the Meeting, and these were accepted as a true record.

No. 4
MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

No. 5
TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer proposed that the audited statement of accounts for the period 1st October 1976 to 31st March 1978, which had been available for inspection both before and during the Meeting, should be adopted. This was seconded by Mrs. Rudham and agreed unanimously. A copy of the statement of accounts is attached to these Minutes.

No. 6
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following constitutional amendments were submitted, being an amendment to clause 10(f) and an additional clause 10(g) as below:

1) Amend clause 10(f) to read:-

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CONSTITUTION
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"The Honorary Treasurer with the concurrence of at least one other officer of the Association shall have the power to sanction expenditure of up to £100. All amounts above this figure must be approved by the Committee",

2) Add new clause 10(g) to read:

"There shall be established a fund with a separate account entitled "Vinters Park Community Centre". All monies paid into this account shall be used only for the purpose of furthering object (b) of the Association as set out in Clause 2 (namely to establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre), unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Association.

Mr. A. Newman outlined the changes and the reason for them and proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. R. Bird and carried unanimously.

No. 7
REPORT ON FUND
RAISING AND A
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

Mr. Richard Humphreys reported that the Committee consisted of six to eight members with a substantial number of other people helping in various projects.

The major fund raising activity was a lottery, which had now been going for many weeks and was proving a great success.

Several dances/disco's, two sponsored walks and a jumble sale had also proved to be successful. Just prior to Christmas, the Association had sold Christmas Cards and Gifts, which further assisted the funds.

With regard to the future, further sponsored walks, dances and jumble sales were planned, but the main event in the future will be the Summer Fete to be held on 3rd June, and the organisation for this was well advanced.

Mr. Humphreys finished by thanking all those who had helped make the Committee's first year a considerable success.

No. 8
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEE

The following people have been proposed and were formally accepted:

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| Mr. Alan Blake | Vice Chairman |
| Mr. Ian Chirnden | Vice Chairman |
| Mr. Keith Luxford | Treasurer |
| Mr. Richard Humphreys | Committee Member |
| Mrs. Janet Skinner | Committee Member |
| Miss Angela Knoll | Committee Member |
| Mr. Richard Bird | Committee Member |

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Mrs. Else Arnold	Committee Member
Mr. Stewart Clark	Committee Member
Mrs. Rosie Clark	Committee Member
Mr. Paul Sumner	Committee Member
Mr. Keith Bramley	Co-opted Member
The Rev. Kenneth Barham	Co-opted Member
Mr. Ken Long	Co-opted Member
Mrs. Sue Thompson	Co-opted Member
Mrs. Pat Heath	Co-opted Member (Who agreed to act as typist in the absence of a secretary)

Note: Subsequent to the General Meeting, Mrs. Heath agreed to take on the job of Secretary to the Association and Mr. Keith Bramley agreed to Chair Committee Meetings, although not undertaking the responsibilities of a full Committee Member.

No. 9

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was only one other item raised under this section by Mr. Bramley. Mr. Bramley proposed that because of the limited number of elected officers,

- 1) Authority be given to the Committee to allow Co-opted Members to become full Members for one year only, or until the Next Annual General Meeting.
- 2) That any officer could call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

This was seconded and agreed unanimously.

Mr. Bramley had kindly taken over the Chair from the retiring Chairman and thanked all those present, in particular Councillor Wait and Councillor Simpson.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE VINTERS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

PERIOD 1st OCTOBER 1976 to 31st MARCH 1978

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Deposit account at 30.9.76	318.20	Residents Rag	129.52
Current account at 30.9.76	25.22	Pantomime December 1976 (net loss)	20.92
Cash in hand at 30.9.76	7.99	Cancelled Dance December 1977 (net loss)	104.34
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Subscriptions 1976-77	351.41	Insurance	28.50
Subscriptions 1977-78	15.00	Auditor (1975/76 accounts)	5.00
Lottery: gross income	307.00	Corporation tax	21.00
less initial expenses	801.45	Hire of hall, 1977 AGM.	6.62
less running expenses	78.68	Rag prizes	6.07
(including prizes)	<hr/>	Donation to Woodlands Playgroup	25.00
net income	170.66		
Disco November 1976 (net profit)	552.11	Deposit account at 31.3.78.	446.65
Supper Dance February 1977 (net profit)	45.09	Current account at 31.3.78.	64.92
Jubilee celebrations May 1977 (net profit)	77.36	Cash in hand at 31.3.78.	45.36
Disco September 1977 (net profit)	22.96	Community Centre Account at 31.3.78.	466.16
Sponsored walk December 1977 (net profit)	62.52	Lottery:	
Christmas Gifts Catalogue 1977	289.87	Building Society account at 31.3.78.	476.74
Tupperware party November 1977	73.06	Cash in hand at 31.3.78.	75.37
Father Christmas 1977 (net profit)	0.42		
Jumble Sales February 1978 (net profit)	10.17		
Ladies Circle Liquidation	145.45		
Donations	40.00		
Inland Revenue refund	2.89		
Interest on deposit account	29.40		
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	TOTAL		TOTAL
	£2,054.17		£2,054.17
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I certify that the above Income and Expenditure Account is a correct statement of the transactions for the period 1st October 1976 to 31st March 1978.

D.J. Pearce, F.C.A.
Auditor
24th April 1978

A. Newman
Honorary Treasurer
April 1978