

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the V.P.R.A.
held at Vinters Boys School on the 28th April, 1981.

1. The meeting under the Chairmanship of Blair Southerden was opened at 8.25 p.m. in the presence of 27 members. The chairman introduced KCC Councillor Dr. Felicity Simpson and Borough Councillor Mr. R. Enfield.
2. Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting:
Copies of the minutes were circulated at the meeting. There were no matters arising. Mrs. S. Fry proposed and Mr. R. Horn seconded that the minutes be accepted as correct. The motion was carried.
4. Chairman's Report:
The Chairman gave his report to the effect that the committee had held regular meetings throughout the year which had been a quiet one. The Association was keeping a watchful eye on Area 10 regarding the implementation of tree protection orders. This years Fête proceeds to go to a Senior Citizens outing or party.
5. Treasurer's Report:
Mr. Blair Southerden, Treasurer, explained the accounts, copies of which were circulated, including the fact that monies held on deposit for the Association had been moved from the Building Society to Lloyds Bank so as to improve income on capital, by taking advantage of the Association's charity status. In addition Blair proposed and Mr. Arthur Barker seconded that Mr. K. Wescott be adopted as auditor. This motion was passed. Blair Southerden proposed that subscriptions be 50 p per household. This was seconded by Mr. Keith Anderson and the motion was passed. Further to the Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Janet Skinner asked that monies collected by the Lottery be shown on the next statement of account as 'Community Centre fund or account'. Mr. Blair Southerden proposed and Mr. David Costello seconded that the accounts be accepted. This motion was passed.
6. Election of Officers:
The following nominations had been received prior to the meeting:

<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	-	Sue Fry
<u>Treasurer</u>	-	Blair Southerden
<u>Secretaries</u>	-	Angela Knoll, Bob Wilcockson

Committee Members - Keith Anderson, Bob Horn, Bill Barr,
Arthur Barker, David Costello

Pat Heath proposed and Bob Horn seconded the officers nominations. Sue Fry and Arthur Barker seconded the nominations for committee. The meeting adopted the officers and committee so nominated.

7. Any other Business:

Arthur Barker proposed discussion of the future use of the Minor Site for potential use by the Association. Blair Southerden replied that the site is still owned by Taylor Woodrow. A member asserted that the site was being used as a dump and should be made safe. The chairman agreed that this should be taken up with Taylor Woodrow. Janet Skinner mentioned the possibility that the site might be used for a public house.

Dr. Simpson suggested the Youth Opportunities Scheme in the possible development of the site. Labour would be supplied and payed for by the scheme and material supplies provided by the Association.

Mr. Enfield said that subsidies could be available. Dr. Simpson stated that a grant might be available if the Centre was to be for youth activities, but that nothing could be done until the Association pushes the matter further.

A member suggested that more support would be forthcoming, if fears of noise and nuisance were allayed, there was general agreement on this point.

Mr. Enfield suggested that tentative discussions with the planning department would be helpful.

In reply to a question from the floor, Angela Knoll explained that the site could not be used for housing unless building of the Community Centre proved impracticable in which case Taylor Woodrow could apply for planning permission for housing.

Dr. Simpson suggested the Arts and Recreation Council as an intermediary.

Arthur Barker proposed that 'Notwithstanding the mandate to cease fund raising for the Community Centre, that the Association communicate to Taylor Woodrow its continued interest in the Minor Site for a Community Centre and enter into discussion with the Borough Council regarding building requirements.' Mr. Ken Young seconded and the motion was passed.

Blair Southerden suggested that residents near to the Minor Site be informed of the Association's intent before rumours start to abound.

The meeting was told that the Summer Fête is not a VPRA Fête as such, but the work of a sub-committee headed by Sue Fry and that any assistance would be most welcome.

There was no other business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.
