

## VINCENT SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at 6:30,  
Grange Rochester Hotel, Vincent Square.

### Agenda

Welcome

1. Minutes of the 2012 AGM, matters arising
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurer's report, adoption of 2012 accounts
4. Tennis Secretary's report
5. Update by Sean Lavan, Property Strategy Manager of Westminster Kingsway College on the archaeological findings and developments
6. Update by a Councillor
7. Election of Chairman and Executive Committee

Any other business

#### Executive Committee elections

The following members are nominated for re-election. Members wishing to serve on the Committee are requested to identify themselves.

Mary Maxwell - Chairman and Tennis Secretary  
Richard Harden - Deputy Chairman  
Jonathan Cole - Treasurer  
Malcolm Neate - Security  
Anthony Taylor - History & Heritage  
John Randle - Planning  
Felicity Bullock - Website

GUESTS

Councillors David Harvey and/or Steve Summers, WCC  
Helena Doyle, Contract Manager, Look Ahead Housing and Care, Hopkinson House, Tel 020 7834 0674  
Stuart Medhurst, Head of Operations, RHS. Tel. 020 7821 3632  
PC Bill Nash, Metropolitan Police

## VINCENT SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on Monday 16 April 2012 at Grange Rochester Hotel, 69 Vincent Square

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were adopted as a true record.

### Welcome

There being 14 members present at the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Danny Chalkley was elected an honorary member by acclamation, and the meeting was thereupon declared quorate.

### Minutes of 2011 AGM; matters arising

Anthony Taylor Acting Chairman ("Chairman") voiced appreciation for the services of his predecessor, who now has a role which often takes him to West Africa which renders future involvement with the Association impossible. A case of wine will be given to him in appreciation of his past services, and a bouquet of flowers was presented to his wife, who was present. The Chairman appealed for further members to join the committee.

### Chairman's report

The Association had made representations to the council in the matter of developments at Hopkinson House, where a unit for those with mental disorders is planned from 2013. These had been broadly accepted.

Membership of the Association had been broadly stable in 2011 –88 (2010, 93) individual members, plus two corporate. The Chairman expected a broadly similar position in the current year.

The Garden Party had raised £359 for The Passage. This year's charity will be the Cardinal Hume Centre, and the garden party will be on 5 July. £200 had also been donated to Westminster Kingsway College, in thanks for their provision of refreshments at the plaque unveiling.

### **Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer, Jonathan Cole, presented the 2011 accounts. He reported that there was a small surplus in 2011. Taking two-year view, the Tennis section was breaking even. The cash position was strong. So far, subscriptions have been received from about one third of those expected to have signed up by the year end. The Rev. Philip Walsh interjected to thank the Association for its donation to the new organ, which is about to be inaugurated. The 2011 accounts were adopted.

### **Tennis Secretary's report**

The Secretary of the Tennis Section, Mary Maxwell, reported that the Section has 32 members, and was broadly breaking even with fees charged by the School broadly unchanged.

### **Planning Secretary's report**

Planning Secretary John Randle reported that there is to be significant work at Westminster Kingsway College (which is 2\* listed), but there should be no effect on the façade. Representation had been made to the College re inappropriate signage. There are, it appears, 326 residences in the square of which 97 had changed hands in the past five years.

### **Look Ahead (Rehabilitation Centre)**

Helena Doyle, Manager, explained the operation of the Centre, which houses 36 people on a two year cycle. The Centre is manned 24 hours, and concerns can always be expressed by calling 020 7834 0674.

### **Police**

Sgt. Bill Nash led a presentation on crime locally. He noted that malefactors tended to be known and usual suspects, often youths from nearby estates. Local priorities are rough sleepers; youth disorder; and burglary/violence.

The level of crime is, however, generally low (particularly of domestic burglaries). Concerns were expressed from the floor about gangs of youths on bicycles.

### **Councillor Danny Chalkley**

The Councillor, attending his 11th consecutive meeting, reported on local council matters, the current economy drive and the difficult decisions which had to be made.

### **The School**

Chris Silcock, the Bursar of Westminster School reported on the school's recent acquisition of a long lease on the Lawrence Hall. It will still be available for certain RHS events, and for commercial use more generally in the summer holidays. The trees in the square will be pruned in 2013.

### **Constitution**

The proposed changes to the constitution were approved unanimously namely

- (1) In Clause 4 delete 'Individual Membership £1'
- (2) In Clause 13 delete '30<sup>th</sup> September' and substitute '31<sup>st</sup> December'.
- (3) Delete Clause 15 apart from the first sentence. After first sentence insert 'Each member shall have one vote. The Chairman may at his discretion call upon any member to provide satisfactory evidence that he or she is the person authorized to cast a vote in respect of any household or corporate membership. The decision of the Chairman as to whether or not such evidence is satisfactory shall be final'.

### **Election of Executive Committee**

The committee was re-elected unanimously en bloc.

Mary Maxwell Tennis Secretary

Jonathan Cole Treasurer

Anthony Taylor History & Heritage

John Randle Planning

Malcolm Neate Police Liaison

Felicity Bullock Website

Richard Harden Membership

### **Any other business**

Concerns were raised about the bodily functions of dogs and taxi drivers

The Chairman was deputed to write a letter of thanks to the owners of the hotel (the Matharu brothers) and the staff of Grange Rochester Hotel for their ever-generous hospitality

Anthony Taylor - Acting VSRA Chairman

VINCENT SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION					
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012					
					2011
					£
					£
<b>Assets</b>					
	Cash at bank	(note)		11,743	7,884
				11,743	7,884
<b>Liabilities</b>					
	Subscription in advance			-	20
	Tennis fob deposit in advance			-	60
	Tennis subscription in advance			-	300
	Tennis fobs refundable			160	60
	Sundry creditors	(note)		3,505	680
				3,665	1,120
<b>Net assets</b>				<b>£ 8,078</b>	<b>£ 6,764</b>
Represented by:					
Accumulated funds 1 January					
				6,724	5,676
Surplus (deficit) for the year					
				1,354	1,048
<b>Accumulated funds 31 December</b>					
				<b>£ 8,078</b>	<b>£ 6,724</b>
Note					
At the balance sheet date a sum of £3,461 was owing to Westminster School in respect of use of the tennis courts . The amount was paid in 2013 unlike in previous years when it has been paid during the year to which it relates.					

VINCENT SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION						
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012						
					2011	2011
					£	£
					£	£
Subscription income						
				1,675	1,810	
Tennis section						
	Income			3,440	3,740	
	Fee to Westminster School			3,461	3,360	
				( 21)	380	
Bi centenary plaque						
	Donations received			-	295	
	Other expenses			-	( 747)	
				-	( 452)	
Interest income						
				3	3	
Other expenses						
	Website hosting			( 44)	( 133)	
	Summer party			( 60)	( 60)	
	Printing			( 70)	-	
	Presentation to past chairman			( 129)	-	
	Donation to St Stephen's organ fund			-	( 500)	
				( 303)	( 693)	

<b>Surplus for the year</b>					<b>£ 1,354</b>			<b>£ 1,048</b>