

Dulwich Society Executive 520th Meeting Monday 5th November 7.00pm at St Barnabas Centre – Minutes

Attendees: Ian McInnes (IMcI), Sue Badman (SB), Diana McInnes (DM), Alastair Hanton (AIH), Kenneth Wolfe (KW), Patsy Bramble (PB), Colin Niven (CN), Brian Green (BG), Russell Lloyd (RL), David Beamish (DB), Bernard Nurse (BN)

Guest: Philip ter Woort

(Executive Reports previously circulated by Ian McInnes (Chair), Diana McInnes (Membership), Sue Badman (Secretary); Bernard Nurse (Local History), Finance (Russell Lloyd), Trees (David Beamish), Licensing (Patsy Bramble))

Apologies: Jeremy Prescott, David Roberts, Angela Wilkes, Adrian Hill

Declarations of Interest

See Appendix 1.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Corrections: DS Matters, (f) The Rosebery Lodge Expiry Date is **31/5/2019**. Additions/Points arising from other reports/Any Other Business - It was noted that the late Rev'd Howard Jones was previously **Alleyn's Chaplain 1989 to 2008 and Honorary Curate at St Barnabas**. The Minutes, with these amendments, were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:

None

Introductions

The Chair welcomed Philip ter Woort, a guest of BG to the meeting. BG referred to the Dutch connection with Dulwich. The last surviving WW2 Dutch secret agent, Bram Grisnight, had lived with his comrades at Glenlea (now Tappen House), Dulwich Common. He had given a talk to the Dulwich Society and been presented with a watercolour of Glenlea codenamed Huize Anna, the painting to eventually reside at the Dutch War Resistance Museum.

Treasurer's Report

RL presented his report including his response to queries that had been raised by Executive members following the last Executive Meeting and additions/corrections to the payment sheet. Online payments are still being investigated. JP has arranged to conduct the annual financial controls review with RL in December.

DS Matters and Events

- a) **Rosebery Lodge.** PB reported back after reviewing the Rosebery Lodge lease. The Society is under no obligation to renew the lease which expires on 31 May 2019 nor is there a right to surrender the lease prior to 31/5/2019. The Executive must decide whether to apply to Southwark Council to renew the lease. The Chair said that the Society's objective for the Lodge had not been achieved. It was useful for storage and summer meetings, and the U3A and the police had made good use of it but its location in the park was not ideal and had

inhibited its use for exhibitions, events and as a potential local heritage centre. After discussion, it was decided to seek a meeting with Southwark councillors to see whether there were any active Southwark plans for its usage and explore how the building could be used in future. **Action:** IMCl to arrange a meeting with Cllrs Simmons and Newens

- b) Charity Commission** - The Trustees' Annual Report was approved. During 2019 we should develop and publish investment and safeguarding policies, and arrange a risk review. **Action:** SB to ensure Charity Commission reports are submitted and our charity details are up to date. Also, over the next few meetings to schedule a risk review and arrange for policies to be produced and updated as needed.
- c) Event 2018** – BG is planning a members-only talk at Bell House by Michael Logue on 16th December to coincide with the publication of a book on Lionel Logue of “The King’s Speech” fame. Post-Meeting Note: The talk was cancelled due to illness
- d) Events 2019** –
- Talks by BG and IMCl will take place during The Dulwich Festival. **Action:** IMCl/BG details to be confirmed and sent to the Festival administrator.
 - Members’ Party (possibly two parties) in the Summer either at the DPG Pavilion or Bell House, possibly in June. Details to be confirmed. The event would be chargeable (which might impact numbers). 4th/11th June suggested by DPG. We will need to check dates of other 400th anniversary events planned. **Action:** IMCl/SB
 - Public Meeting on Transport – 12 January 2019 at the Methodist Hall, Half Moon Lane with Helen Hayes and councillors speaking. Safe Routes to School involved. IMCl to chair. **Action:** IMCl/SB to finalise agenda and publicise
- e) Councillor engagement** -Cllr Richard Leeming has set up a local community engagement group incl IMCl and AIH. Members of this group have visited Waltham Forest to see the mini-holland schemes and assess whether they could be replicated in Dulwich.
- f) Guidance for Garden designers** – Garden makeovers have caused problems for neighbours and the Society has been asked to approach the Estate about having some garden guidelines. A discussion note has been circulated.

Licensing & Events

- a) Commercial Events in the Parks** – PB reported on progress with local events and legal action at other London Parks. The Field Day event will not be returning to Brockwell Park but Mighty Hoopla will be. It is not known whether Lambeth is seeking another event to replace Field Day. The Wireless Festival, opposed by The Friends of Finsbury Park is to be allowed to continue at FP but after a legal review will now be subject to a performers’ dress code and language has to be toned down.
- b) Licensing Applications** – Simply Fresh has been granted a licence for 6am to 11pm, 7 days a week but they will need planning approval for compressors before they can occupy the unit. ■■■■■ restaurant is to undergo a licence review following an inspection by the border authorities. At least one “illegal” worker was found. The Society will not be commenting on the licence review. The ■■■■■ store review is due to be held in November. The Society is supporting the shop owner.
- c) Christmas Events** – The Christmas Cracker is to be held on 1st December and a Christmas event in Dulwich Village sponsored by the Estate will be held on 2nd December. There will also be a fair in West Dulwich the previous weekend, Saturday 24th November.

Dulwich Estate

The Advisory Group takes place on 13 November. SB will be attending in place of IMCl. Our queries have been submitted but non-SOM queries will be dealt with separately in future, via the monthly surgeries. DB reported on the Estate Tree Committee inspection he had attended recently.

Society Grants

Nothing has been heard further from Bell House about the greenhouse. It has been agreed to contribute to the Exit Burbage project being organised by Burbage Road RA in 2019, details to be confirmed. We have also given a donation of £300 to the London Wildlife Trust in support of the Great North Wood project and their series of annual events.

Consultations and Planning

Planning Consultations currently in progress (and being commented on by the Society) include:

- 29 Eastlands Crescent – demolition and rebuild - two houses-for-one development. The Society is reviewing but likely to object. Many unhappy neighbours.
- Lydenhurst, Red Post Hill – three new houses in the garden. The Society will object.

Traffic and Transport

Coaches – There have been disagreements between the Estate and the council which it is believed are now resolved. The work at the junction with the South Circular is due to take place over the Christmas holidays.

Rosendale Road caravans and trailers – The Society raised with Lambeth Council who responded promptly with an update. There are processes for removing illegal vehicles whose status can be checked online and via DVLA. It is harder to remove vehicles which are legally parked unless there is evidence of illegal activity such as sleeping in caravans overnight. Residents' groups have been advised to gather evidence before approaching the council for further action.

Other Dulwich Issues:

There continue to be problems with youth-on-youth crime, and the Society has been involved with the SN Panel to identify solutions, press for action and help publicise warnings to residents. Our MP is involved and talking to heads of schools and senior police. At present there are no dedicated school officers in Dulwich.

A senior Royal Mail manager, Craig Wallace, was questioned for over an hour at the DCC on 31st October. He promised the SE22 postal service would be back to normal by mid-November. He also reported that a Royal Mail employee was due in court regarding the fraud incidents in SE21 and that an SE21 employee was to appear at a disciplinary hearing following the discovery of sacks of undelivered mail at Alleyn Park.

KW accompanied by SB and BN will lay a wreath at the remembrance service at the Hospital Memorial on behalf of the Society on 9th November. Other members will attend the ceremony at the Old College memorial on 11 November.

IMCI reported that Rosendale School was planning to expand to four form entry, and building changes would be required. The school is outside the Dulwich Estate. There will be public consultation meetings at the School in November.

Additions/Points arising from Reports/Any other business

Horniman Museum – The visit was postponed. A new visit will be arranged in 2019 and volunteers from the sub-committees will also be invited.

Dulwich College – changes are planned in connection with the 400th anniversary including a major garden redesign.

The Grove Tavern – The Estate are working on plans but nothing has been publicised as yet. “To let” signs have reappeared which is a pre-requisite for any applications for alternative uses.

Date of next meeting – 7th January 2019 7.30pm, St Barnabas Library

Sue Badman, Secretary – The Dulwich Society

Executive Meeting Dates 2019

7th January, 4th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September, 4th November (7.30pm, St Barnabas Library).

2019 AGM – Tuesday 7th May, 7.30pm for 8pm, Crown & Greyhound.

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Declarations of Interest as at 17 September 2018

Ian McInnes – Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Chairman), Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood Ward (new names post May 2018) Safer Neighbourhood Panels (Member).

Sue Badman - Dulwich Events Partnership (Member & DS rep), Safe Routes to School Group (Attendee)

Diana McInnes – Dulwich and District U3A Executive Committee (Member).

David Beamish – Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich (PCC Member), Dulwich Deanery Synod (Hon. Secretary), Southwark Diocesan Synod (Member), Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Committee Member)

Alastair Hanton - Southwark Living Streets (Member), Dulwich and West Norwood Climate Change Coalition (Member), Son Angus Hanton is a Trustee of Bell House.

Adrian Hill – Camberwell & District Allotment Society, Stradella and Springfield Residents' Association (Immediate Past President and current committee member), Friends of Crystal Palace Subway (DS rep), Abbeyfield Dulwich Society Ltd (Trustee and Executive Committee Member).