<u>Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association</u> <u>Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 November 2007</u> <u>at Fellowship House at 8.00pm</u>

Present: David B Lewis in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer) Peter Beesley, Terry Brooks, Dave Brown, Alan Brudney, Jean Barraclough, Carol Boulter, Derek Chandler, Francois Crompton-Roberts, Derek Epstein, Janet Elliott, Colin Gregory, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), David Lewis (Vice-Chairman), David Littaur, Steve Morris, Selwyn Nakan, Gary Shaw, Leonie Stephen, Richard Wakefield,

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Roger Corley, Peter Falk

1	Apologies for Absence Simon Abbott, Douglas Blausten, Nicole Gerber Rosalind Josephs Richard Kemp, Eva Jacobs, Max Petersen, Brian Rivett, Will Sowerbutts, Alan Walker	
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2	Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting	
3	Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda	
	Authorisation of additional Centenary expenditure John Boulter said that he had written to Peter Falk and awaited an invoice for the lunch. The cost would be approximately £1,900.	
	Incorporation of the RA The final draft will be sent to the two lawyers on Council for their comments.	
	Youth on the Suburb Simon Abbott is preparing an amended proposal which will be sent to the EC for its consideration.	
	Replacement of felled trees Leonie Stephen said that Trees Committee had not been able to find out from LB Barnet why the tree outside 64 Erskine Hill had been felled.	SA
	Discussion on the quality of gardening on Public Suburb Open Spaces and how this might be improved: Central Square, Northway Gardens, Lyttelton Playing Fields	
	Colin Gregory said that he had spoken to the Director of Open Spaces at the Corporation of London who said that it hascriteria when it considers taking over responsibility for an open space. There must not be any cost involved and it would expect a particular reason or historical connection. Central Square would not meet these criteria.	
	Report on the Membership mailing and authorisation of additional expenditure for a final membership mailing to take place towards the end of October using the new credit card facility Steve Morris reported that as a result of the second mailing a further 250/300 members had joined. This is an 8% response. Membership committee will be considering whether a further mailing is worthwhile.	
	Edwardian Music Hall The Chairman urged Council members to attend this event.	
	Michael Rowley Memorial This is proceeding and Alan Walker is now dealing with it.	AW

The Institute Extraordinary Meeting called for 8 October which will further reduce representation on the Institute council The Chairman reported that Simon Abbott had attended this meeting and a resolution had been passed to withdraw representation from Fellowship on the Institute Council. 4 Question Time There were none. Authorisation of expenditure on tree planting. £3,000 plus any remaining funds 5 from the Dr Joy Edelman legacy Leonie Stephen circulated a paper listing the trees which need to be planted. There are 50 trees which would cost £2,894 plus vat totalling £3,400. John Boulter said that £2,107 had already been spent on trees in the season ending august 2007. With regard to the Dr Edelman bequest, he suggested that £1,000 should be spent on a Memorial Seat leaving £3,000. it would be reasonable to spend £1,000 for the next three years leaving the balance of £3,000 to come from regular RA funds. The Chairman proposed and Colin Gregory seconded a motion that a sum of money not in excess of £3,000 from RA funds should spent on tree planting this year and any excess be paid out of the Dr Edelman bequest. This was passed Nem Con Centenary Expenditure: Authorisation of £250 for refreshments on New Year's Eve David Littaur said that the Trust had declined to pay for refreshments this year. David Littaur proposed a motion which was seconded by Terry Brooks that the sum of £250 should be made available to pay for refreshments on New Year's This was passed Nem Con. David Littaur proposed a vote of thanks to Alan Walker and the Parochial Council for agreeing to the RA using the Church, which Council endorsed. The Chairman confirmed that there will be 15 minutes display with some musical accompaniment. The RA will have to borrow a public address system. Colin Gregory said that there may be performing rights issue which will have to be addressed. Central Square Lottery Application and setting up of a New Steering Committee to appoint the consultants and supervise the brief The Chairman reported that a grant had been made available for £39,000 for a research and a consultation exercise for Central Square by the Lottery. The Centenary committee will be dissolved in 2008. A Steering Group will be set up to instruct the consultants and tell them what is required. It was suggested that there should be representation from the RA, the Trust, LB Barnet, Free Church, St Judes Church and HB School. The Chairman said that there should be terms of reference for the Steering Group and it should be concerned with the physicality of the Square and adjacent buildings. The committee should set its own terms of reference which should be endorsed by the organisations it represents and that all decisions of substance need to be ratified by these organisations.

Derek Epstein proposed a motion seconded by David Lewis that Colin Gregory

and the Chairman represent the RA on the new Steering Group

This was passed Nem Con.

Institute Notice Boards transfer to RA There are three notice boards situated in Wildwood Road/Kingslev Way. Meadway Gate, and Central Square facing HB School, which the Institute wishes to transfer to the RA. DBI The Wildwood Road board is sited on Water Board land and it is leased it to the Institute at a rent of £65 pa. The Chairman suggested that he writes to the Water Board asking them to give us the Board rent free and possibly refurbish it as a centenary gesture. Derek Epstein was concerned at the state of the boards and the necessary upkeep and Richard Wakefield thought that it would be difficult to get people to look after them and regularly change the notices. The Chairman proposed and Steve Morris seconded a motion that the RA accept the offer from the Institute to take over responsibility for the three Notice **Boards** This was passed with one vote against. Matters arising out of the draft Executive Committee Minutes 9 **Red Routes** Gary Shaw said that warning signs had been placed on trees by the loading bays by the Roads & Traffic Committee. The bays are now monitored by CCTV. These bays are not properly marked and many residents are receiving parking fines. He offered to assist any resident who receive one and he is at present assisting 50 residents with these. Gary Shaw was present when representatives from Transport for London removed these signs and he asked for Council's endorsement for him to replace them. Gary Shaw had written to Transport for London asking them what their objective is and the Chairman suggested that we ask for information under the Freedom of Information act. A motion was proposed by Terry Brooks and seconded by Derek Epstein that GS the warning signs should be reinstated by the Roads & Traffic Committee. This was passed by Council Nem Con. **NHS** Colin Gregory told Council members that there used to be an RA Tenants and Welfare committee. In view of the number of health issues perhaps this should be reinstated. It could be combined with Security. The Chairman thought that it may be preferable to have one person who has a special interest dealing with health issues and another with security matters. The EC will consider these suggestions. **Blood Tests** The Chairman thought that funding may have been cut which was the reason for the reduction in this service. Temple Fortune Surgery is now allowing blood tests for over 65 year old residents at the practice but the Market Place Surgery does not have a nurse to carry out this service and it may be that residents will be asked to go to the Garden Hospital which is badly located for public transport and has parking restrictions. The Chairman had written to find out the position

Consultation with LB Barnet on Primary Care Trust

The last line of this item on the EC minutes should be deleted

10 Any Other Urgent Business

Character Appraisal

The Chairman told the Council that the HGS Trust is carrying out a character appraisal. This was started by LB Barnet and the Trust had volunteered to take it forward. They considered that it would be useful for them when they have to defend a planning application. The Trust has funded a work experience student for three months and wants to keep her for a further period of three months which would cost £3,000 and would like the RA to fund this.

The Chairman suggested that the RA make the Trust an interest free loan. If no money is forthcoming from LB Barnet for this the RA could reconsider whether a grant should be made. The project would eventually be published as a book which could be handed to new residents and will be on the web site. Derek Epstein thought that this work was valuable and Colin Gregory also supported it

The Chairman proposed and Derek Epstein seconded the motion that an interest free loan of £3,000 is made to the HGS Trust to pay for a student to carry out the character appraisal on the Suburb for a further period of three months.

This was passed Nem Con

Centenary Roses

Derek Epstein said that there are hundreds of roses which have not been sold and it had been suggested that the RA purchase these at a reduced rate and that they are planted on the Suburb. It was suggested that the Horticultural Society become involved with this and should select a suitable location. A site in Northway Gardens had been suggested

The Centenary Committee will consider this.

LB Barnet walk around the Suburb

Derek Epstein had walked around the Suburb with Barnet Chief Executive Leo Bolland to show him matters which need the attention of LB Barnet. Leo Bolland said that he was satisfied with the existing situation.

RA Office

The RA will be moving its office to the Guides Room. At present both the existing and the new room are in a poor state of repair and decoration and it was considered better to wait until the new office had been decorated before the move takes place. Richard Wakefield will speak to David Morris about this

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Suburb Gallery

Richard Wakefield told Council that the Gallery is now functioning from Fellowship House. There will be an opening reception on 17 November from 6-9pm to which all Council members are welcome. Dave Brown had taken over the accounting for the Gallery and Gerlinde Bates is dealing with the rota.

11 To confirm the date of the next Meeting on Tuesday 4 December at 8.00pm at Fellowship House
This was confirmed.