

Peterborough Road & Area Residents' Association

incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane, Hugon Road, South Park Mews, Sulivan Road, Settrington Road and Woolneigh Street www.prara.org.uk

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1- Local traffic update

Since we published the last newsletter there have been four on-line meetings about our appalling local traffic situation which commenced when the council's SW6 Local Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme on the east side of Wandsworth Bridge Road was introduced. The lead Councillor, Ben Coleman, has refused to engage with PRARA as such (see Item 2 below) but several PRARA members have been involved in the discussions on the scheme's impact on residents living on the west side of Wandsworth Bridge Road. The council are calling this a working group which enables them to claim they are consulting with residents. The council's desire is to ban all out of borough through traffic from side roads so that it must either use Wandsworth Bridge Road or avoid the south Fulham area completely. This would greatly benefit all our residential roads and reduce pollution. It may be an admirable objective but the information provided so far does not take into account the huge impact that it would have on all areas surrounding south Fulham, nor its practicalities for the people living in the area. These include dealing with Uber and other taxi services, heavy goods vehicles and large numbers of domestic deliveries. A technical solution is being proposed for this. The existing scheme is designed to provide access to all areas without

passing a camera control point. Amazon have reportedly updated their algorithms to indicate the means of doing this. Most sat-nav systems have not yet been amended.

At the most recent on-line meeting on 1st December, chaired as usual by Ben Coleman and attended by several council officers and many residents including PRARA street representatives, it became even clearer that introducing the south Fulham scheme that Cllr. Coleman wants is, because of its complexity, nowhere near ready to be put out to full consultation nor introduced. When asked how long it could take before a scheme could be introduced, the Cllr. Coleman avoided giving an answer. A list of extremely good questions prepared by residents had been submitted in advance of the last two meetings. In spite of saying he would answer them first, the Councillor unhelpfully deviated so often that not every question was fully addressed. Because of the impact on our area he was asked why the SW6 LTN scheme could not be put into abeyance until a full scheme was ready. He flatly refused to do this, claiming that our traffic problems were mainly due to other factors such as closed bridges. He presented no evidence to justify this claim.

Our Member of Parliament, Greg Hands, is running a petition calling for the SW6 LTN scheme to be cancelled which has achieved more than 5,000 signatories. He also held an on-line meeting on 19th November attended by over 130 people which made clear the dissatisfaction of residents from both sides of Wandsworth Bridge Road as well as those in the road itself. PRARA had briefed him on our concerns over the way the scheme was implemented without consultation and our request to the council for it to be abandoned. All the points we had raised were covered during the meeting. A report on this meeting can be seen here:

https://www.greghands.com/news/results-my-fulham-traffic-open-meeting-thursday

2 - Our Corporate Complaint

On the 2nd November PRARA made a Formal Corporate Complaint to the council in response to the SW6 LTN traffic scheme which we consider dramatically increased the amount of vehicles driving through our area, causing frequent gridlock on Wandsworth Bridge Road with cars backing up in Clancarty, Settrington, Woolneigh and Hugon. This created access problems for residents and emergency vehicles. We called for the scheme to be abandoned. We also registered our complaint about Cllr. Coleman's failure to engage with PRARA, and properly consult on traffic schemes to the detriment of our members and our area. Our complaint letter can be seen on the PRARA web site on the News page. Any complaint has to work through the process set out in the council's Complaint Policy document which it is now doing. We are actively pursuing this.

3 - Welcome to Woolneigh Street

We are pleased that the residents of Woolneigh Street want to join PRARA, increasing the strength of our association. We are happy to welcome them and their road representative Victoria Campbell Smith. Her contact details are in the panel at the end of the newsletter.

4 - Committee changes

We have two new road representatives, Alexandra Leonard who takes over from Fenella Gray to cover Peterborough Road North and Luiz Motta who has replaced Guy Nicholson to look after Daisy Lane. Fenella is now spending much of her time outside London and felt she should hand over to someone who lives in the road full time. Guy has been our road rep since PRARA was founded 18 years ago and felt it was time he retired. Our thanks to both of them for all they have contributed to our association and area.

5 - Neighbourhood Watch news

There are an increasing number of people out there trying hard to trick you into handing your money over to them. Many e-mails may appear to come from HMRC, a bank, Netflix, Pay Pal, TV Licensing, Road Tax, Amazon account etc. all suggesting you are behind with your payments, there is a problem with your direct debit or you are due a refund. All require you to give your banking or credit card details, which can be used at a later date to defraud you. Always check the e-mail address that has sent these scamming e-mails to you, they will not be the authentic e-mail of these institutions.

A topical scam is linked to a supposed - or maybe real - on-line order. You receive an e-mail purporting to be from a parcel delivery company such as DPD. The e-mail will contain a parcel reference number and states that the company made an attempt to deliver your parcel, and asks you to click on a link to arrange a redelivery. The link takes you to a spoof web site that looks exactly like the real DPD web site. The only button that will work on the spoof web site is the redelivery/payment button which will ask you to submit your name, address and bank card detail. If you receive a similar e-mail and are concerned that it could be genuinely related to a parcel you have ordered, please contact the company direct (via an Internet search for their contact details or online via a contact us facility). Another tip is to copy and paste the first line of the e-mail you receive into an Internet search; there is a good chance this has already been reported and will come up with a warning that this is a scam. If you receive such a scam e-mail please forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk and then delete the email. Find out more detail of the #Cyber-Aware campaign on https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home

You have all probably heard or read about people receiving a telephone call and being tricked into transferring their savings account into a supposedly safe account as theirs has been compromised. You may think you would never fall for this. Unfortunately several people do, as those ringing are highly persuasive and know a great deal about you and your banking details. Your bank would never ring you and tell you to transfer funds to another account.

Finally make sure you double lock your front door when you are at home and especially at night. If you have an alarm switch it on at night and make sure your sash window locks are secure.

6 - Basketball court floodlighting

The council Parks Department proposed an temporary scheme to floodlight this games court at the south end of South Park, from dusk until 8.30pm. Our members and other residents living at the west end of Hugon Road were objecting to the scheme as their houses back on to the court. PRARA supported their objections for reasons of disturbance and also because the only way the court could be accessed after dark would be by keeping the entire park open. All 12 responses to the local consultation were objections on one or more of the following grounds: light, noise, access, operating hours and disturbance. The proposed scheme will not be progressed.

7 - Donate on-line

As a small, relatively informal association we could not justify the administration that would be involved if we opened a bank account. All donations therefore had to be cash ones. We've now become very 21st century so that donations can now be made on-line as well. The link to do this is on every page of our web site in the top right hand corner.

8 - Current Jack's situation

The owner of the premises has appealed against the revocation of his premises license and

the enforcement of his breach of planning permission. Both appeals will take months to be heard. Until they are the premises are permitted to continue trading as before. We continue to liaise and work with council officers on both fronts.

9 - Thames Tunnel progress report

All of the excavation work has been completed and the conveyor belt system, which delivers the spoil to the barges, has been dismantled and removed. Over the next two years, until the end of 2022, the tunnel will be lined with an additional layer of concrete to provide a 120 year life to the structure. The concrete will be mixed on-site inside the acoustic shed with the only scheduled deliveries being aggregates and cement for the concrete. Shaft works will continue until September 2023. Site clearance will then commence and this will include landscaping of the area around the shaft. Tideway expect to vacate the site by Autumn 2024. The shaft will be a permanent fixture as an access point, occupying a limited area at the west end of the Carnwath Road Riverside site. The shaft is 26 metres in diameter and 40 metres deep. Artists' impressions of the landscaped area can be seen on the PRARA web site.

10 - "Situation Vacant"

Pleasant person needed who is computer literate, can take notes, type and write good English. Position is unpaid but contributes to the benefit of the local community.

The willing person would also be able to enjoy the convivial company of other members of the PRARA Standing Committee at its meetings. You'll find us a very friendly group. The role is not an onerous one. You have probably realised that we are seeking a new Hon. Secretary of our association. If you think you might be interested in helping in this way, please get in touch with Anthony Williams. His contact details are at the end of the newsletter. (He doesn't bite.)

11 - 12-14 Peterborough Road

A new planning application has been received and validated by LBHF for the "demolition of 17 Peterborough Mews and 14-16 Peterborough Road and the erection of a replacement part three, part four and part five storey plus basement building comprising of commercial floorspace (Use Class E)". The application was submitted by Savills on behalf of Martin's Properties (Parsons Green) Ltd.

The application [2020/02668/FUL] was registered on the 26 Nov 2020. The closing dates for public comment is the 06 Jan 2021 with an expiry date of the 25 Feb 2021.

Full details of the application can be see on the councils web site via the below link:

https://public-access.lbhf.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QIAYFQBI0TR00

The council planning on line note confirms that the council will issue publicity and notify neighbours [c. 230 addresses] as part of the consultation process. The site has a comprehensive planning history and with recent planning consents remaining valid.

The proposals include extending the building forwards to align with no.18 Peterborough Road, and infills the area of the site along Peterborough Mews. The building will be arranged over basement, ground, first and second floor with the third and fourth floors set back from the Peterborough Road

Frontage. The proposed use of the building will be Use Class E which covers business, commercial and service uses. The entrance to the building will be located at ground floor level with a dedicated reception area providing access to the upper floors. The basement level will provide flexible commercial / business use floorspace along with plant which serves

the building, refuse, bike stores and showers. The ground and upper floors will also comprise flexible commercial / business use floor plates which can be subdivided if required depending on the requirements of future occupiers.

A good summary of the proposal can by found on the application 'Planning Statement' via the below link:

https://public-access.lbhf.gov.uk/online-applications/files/34F6AC9716CCB4197BA1A715120A8BF3/pdf/202002668FUL-PLANNINGSTATEMENT-2403873.pdf

12 - 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

This year's meeting had to be held by Zoom. Here's a picture to prove it:



The actual Minutes are attached to this newsletter

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Minutes of the PRARA AGM held on 17th November 2020 at 6.30pm on Zoom

- 1. Apologies were received from Acland Geddes, Guy Nicholson, Lance Pierson and Victoria Links
- 2. Those present were Anthony Williams (AW), Sue Pierson (SP), Luiz Motta (LM), Fenella Gray, Jeremy Gilkes, Viv Bird, Marji Simonds-Gooding, Paul Leonard, Alexandra Leonard, Mary Howell, Angela Wilkes and Jonathan Massey.
 - AW chaired the meeting and thanked SP for taking the minutes and LM for setting up Zoom.
- **3.** Last year' notes, which had been published in Newsletter No.66, were approved as a record of the 2019 AGM.

4. Co-ordinator's Overview of the past year

AW explained that Sue Oriel had had to step down as co-ordinator as she is now living in Kent so he would give the overview.

Condolences were expressed on the death of Brendan Bird, a former member of the standing committee.

AW thanked LM for giving the PRARA web site a long wanted facelift with a new fresh and updated look. We can announce to-night that LM has also arranged a facility on the home page for donations to be made on-line.

The first extensive lockdown due to the Corona virus meant the suspension of any activities until the committee's first Zoom meeting in May. However, beginning in May, PRARA supported our members at the east end of Clancarty Road in their objections to the activities by Jack's at 152 Wandsworth Bridge Road. In contravention of lockdown regulations, its premises licence and it planning permission, the premises were being operated as a bar which included the use of the yard at the back. Noise from the yard which extended into the late evening was badly affecting the occupants of member's houses, houses in Beltran Road and the occupants of a flat above the commercial floor. Police and council officers had to attend several times. At a special hearing of the Licensing Committee Jack's premises licence was revoked. A planning enforcement notice was issued. The owner appealed both and until the appeals are heard is able to continue to trade as before. No dates for the appeals have yet been set.

The Council's SW6 LTN (Local Traffic Neigbourhood) scheme on the east side of Wandsworth Bridge Road introduced in July has caused massive traffic problems on that road and diverted vast amounts of traffic into the PRARA area. We have been protesting but the Cllr. responsible for the scheme is continuing to progress an extension of the scheme. As a result of the councillor's failure to properly engage with PRARA we have made a Formal Corporate Complaint. This is processing in accordance the council's complaint procedure. Some of our members and committee members – as road residents only – have been joining on-line meetings which so far have produced minimal results. PRARA is supporting the new Wandsworth Bridge Road Association which is endeavouring to bring to-gether all affected residents on both sides of the road and in the road.

5. Hon. Treasurer' Report

Please see the schedule on the next page.

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Tin Box	2019 FY	2020 Up to AGM
Initial balance	242.11	243.11
Income	180.00	35.00
Donations	80.00	35.00
Wine Tasting	100.00	0.00
Spendings	-179.00	-40.00
Newsletter	-149.00	-40.00
Other	-30.00	
Final balance	243.11	238.11
Check	0.00	0.00
Membership at beginning	141	141
New members	5	5
Left members	5	1
Membership at end	141	145
Check	0	0

6. Members' questions

Q: What is the latest on the Sands End Community Centre?

A: A manager has been appointed to find out what people would like to happen there. It is possible that the Centre will open in January but this is not confirmed. No Nursery school so far which was to be the main source of income. There will be a cafe.

Comment: It is so good to see the Park so well used for sport especially at the weekends.

Q: What has happened to the bollard?

A: It is permanently down at the moment as it is expensive to replace. It is to be replaced by number recognition cameras. Very few vehicles appear to be using the centre apart from the 424 buses.

7. Elections

AW explained that several changes meant this year the elections would have to made individually.

- * Anthony Williams was elected as interim co-ordinator and to continue as the Clancarty Road rep.
- * Guy Nicholson had stood down as the Daisy Lane rep, a role he had fulfilled since PRARA was established 18 years ago. Luiz Motta was elected as the new Daisy Lane rep and members approved his continuing as Hon. Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
- * Settrington Road Marji Simonds-Gooding was elected to continue as the road rep.

- * Sulivan Road: Viv Bird, Brendan's widow, had agreed to become the new road rep and was duly elected.
- * Peterborough Road north: Fenella Gray had stepped down as road rep as she spending a great deal of her time out of London. Alexandra Leonard had agreed to take her place and was duly elected.
- * Peterborough Road south: Sue Pierson was elected to continue as road rep.
- * Hugon Road: Acland Geddes' escalating work commitments had forced him to step down and a replacement road rep was being sought.
- * Woolneigh Street had asked to join PRARA as new member and had secured a resident willing to be its road rep. Victoria Campell Smith was duly elected to this role.
- * Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator: Jeremy Gilkes was elected to continue in this role
- * It was noted that our Planning rep is not a formal committee member but Paul Leonard is co-opted each year so that we can benefit from his expertise.
- * The position of Hon. Secretary remains vacant.

All elections were unanimous. Thanks were expressed to the retiring road reps, the other members of the committee and Anthony Williams in particular.

5. AOB

An experimental scheme to floodlight the basketball court in South Park is being proposed, with the lights on until 8.30pm. The houses at the west end of Hugon Road back directly on to the court and the occupants have objected. PRARA is supporting their objection because of the impact on these households and the fact that access to the court after dark could only be provided by keeping the entire park open which was unacceptable.

The meeting ended at 7.10pm

Please note that these are draft Minutes until approved by members at the 2021 Annual General Meeting