

## **Burbage Road Residents' Association & Turney Road Residents' Association**

### **AGMs**

Held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Bell House, 27 College Road 10am

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Introductions**

The Chairs of BRRRA and TRR, Louise Wood & Michael Wilkins, welcomed everyone and thanked the hosts Angus & Fabienne Hanton & Erenie Mullens-Burgess of Bell House. They also welcomed guests: Sue Badman of the Dulwich Society (DS) ; Laurie Johnston of Safe Routes to School (SRS) ; Nikhil Roy, President of Dulwich Sports Club (DSC) and Southwark Councilors Margy Newens and Richard Leeming.

Apologies/input had been received from those not attending, including :Pc Dan McLynn, Simone Crofton of the Dulwich Estate, Paul Kuebler of Premier Hire , John Smith of the Southwark Community Sports Trust ( SCST) and James Freeman of the Edward Alleyn Club ( EAC ) .

A list of attendees was taken and each RA was quorate.

#### **2. Minutes of 2017 AGMs**

BRRRA The minutes of the last AGM on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were proposed and approved.

TRRA The minutes of the last AGM on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were proposed and approved.

#### **3. Annual Report and Accounts**

BRRRA : Chair Louise Wood thanked the Committee and explained that the work undertaken over the year covered communication, liaison & lobbying, protecting the environment and supporting the safety of people, both in their own homes and using Burbage Road.

The RA comprises 182 households of whom 162 (90%) are in email contact. [There are also 4 sports clubs, two health facilities and two businesses.]

Louise thanked well over 250 residents who responded to the November parking survey; those who supported the December carol singing, kindly organized again by Sara Luder and Charles Newman and highlighted the transformative Getting Around Dulwich meeting in January organized by SRS and DS which has developed into Dulwich's Healthier Streets. She highlighted the Exit:Burbage celebrations from

March to July which have involved almost every member of the Road, Turney and many others. The RA has supported residents in June with concerns during the brown bin implementation and in August by challenging the Belair Licensing application. She thanked the Dulwich Estate for the new Village Orchard and congratulated Bridget Furst on creating a new neighbouring RA in Dulwich Village.

The RA's priorities for 2020 will be dealing with the escalation in crime, updating Codes of Conduct with neighbouring sports facilities, participating positively in 'Healthier Streets for Dulwich' and improving communication using Mailchimp and WhatsApp.

Louise recognized the outstanding contribution of Alison Venn in organizing the Exit:Burbage celebrations this year based on an idea by David Natzler and working with Andrew Fletcher, Yvonne Wilcox, Brian Green and all of the Turney & Burbage Party Committee, especially Heidi Cleaver.

The RA also thanked Sue Badman for passing on news and analysis, Colin Roberts for keeping our website up to date and Bridget Furst and Marguerite Weedy for all their outstanding coordination on crime. Thanks as well to Southwark Councilors Margy Newens and Richard Leeming for their hard work on our behalf.

TRRA Chair Michael Wilkins gave an overview of the work of the organisation over the year which include working closely with Burbage on all of the above issues.

There are 166 households in Turney and Roseway who are members of the Residents Association.

In addition the implementation of the Quietway had been a major exercise in the road and the concerns over the probable extension of the Croxted Road CPZ and the impact of that on both the Lambeth and Southwark parts of Turney are still present.

The likelihood of the Quietway in the Lambeth part of Turney has also recently come back onto the agenda.

Michael thanked other members of the road who have continued to support the association through participation in the successful street party with Burbage and for Colin Roberts who keeps the website and social media up to date and Tessa Brooks for her connection with the Police and crime reports. Thanks also go to Cat Jenkins who is leaving the Road and has been a great support in keeping on top of the issues in the Lambeth part of the road.

Along with Louise Wood and members of the Burbage committee thanks go to the sports clubs and the Dulwich Society for their continued support and information. Also to the work of our two Councillors as mentioned by Louise Wood above.

#### **4. Accounts**

Treasurer Andrew Fletcher reported that the account with Barclays Bank holds £1,102.90 in accumulated funds and reported on the key movements during the year.

The BRRR Report & Accounts were proposed and accepted.

Michael Wilkins reported that the account with Barclays Bank holds £1088.58 reflecting the accumulated surplus from parties in 2017 and 2019.

The report and accounts of TRRA were proposed and accepted.

#### **5. Election of officers**

BRRR: A list of officers has previously been circulated to all households. Louise thanked Charlie Wynn Evans and James Maple who are retiring, and welcomed Alison Venn and Alex McColl who join the committee.

The new Committee was proposed and accepted to represent the interests of the RA.

TRRA:

A small team of Michael Wilkins, Colin Roberts and Tessa Brooks currently run the RA and more volunteers would be appreciated. In the meantime those present gave their authority for them to continue to represent the interests of the RA.

#### **6. Exit Burbage**

Alison Venn outlined the activities undertaken to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Richard Burbage, who gave his name to Burbage Road via the (reputedly) self-portrait that hangs in Dulwich Picture Gallery. The activities were possible thanks to the Southwark Neighbourhoods Fund grant of £ 1400 which provided professional design and artwork of a standard to work with partners such as The Globe, the Dulwich Picture Gallery and a website packed with new information and global reach. A guided walk from Burbage's resting place at Shoreditch Church to the Globe took place on the anniversary in March. 50 children attended a free performance of Romeo & Juliet and the Bells of Southwark Cathedral rang in celebration. David Natzler and Alison Venn represented Burbage at the annual Shakespeare Birthday walk in Stratford-upon-Avon. All local residents received a leaflet about the history of Burbage Road, including free events such as several walks hosted by Brian Green. Lasting memorials were created through an Information Board provided with the Dulwich Society and new Mural, created as

part of the Dulwich Festival and paid for by Network Rail. All residents had the opportunity to buy a tea towel map of Burbage Road. The party with Turney was a great success, starting with Chigung in the closed street and involved many neighbours. The celebrations continued with a viewing of Shakespeare in Love with Oscar winning producer David Parfitt and wound up appropriately with David Natzler interviewing Lucy Munro, each at the Dulwich Picture Gallery where the picture of Burbage is now hung in a group with an Exit:Burbage label. Extensive and varied media coverage was ensured by Yvonne Wilcox, who gave her considerable PR services voluntarily. The Burbage Cup will be awarded each year at the Velodrome in perpetuity and a time capsule with contributions from Year 4 at Dulwich Hamlet will be buried in the Village Orchard shortly - to be dug up on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 100 years' time!

## **7. Traffic & Parking**

Michael Wilkins introduced this topic and provided an update noting that the extension of the Croxted Road CPZ to the Turney Road junction had been consulted and was likely to have a positive response and that the continuation of the Quietway down Turney and into Rosendale was being revived. These could all increase parking issues. However the proposed full East Dulwich CPZ had not gone ahead following consultation although an area close to East Dulwich Station will become a CPZ. There had also been the parking survey (see below) in Turney and Burbage. Also there was the Healthy Streets in Dulwich initiative which whilst not covering Turney and Burbage could have an impact on the roads.

Anne Traynor reported on the Parking Survey findings noting that parking pressures in Burbage and Turney were not caused by residents' vehicles, for whom sufficient off street parking exists. Others appeared to be using the roads parking spaces including builders, commuters and people leaving cars whilst on holiday. Strong feelings were expressed in the survey both for and against CPZ. The RAs had provided more information on CPZs but hesitated to take CPZ further due to concerns about a knock on effect on neighbouring areas, many believed that a wider solution was needed in the area. Residents are however free to register their wish for CPZ on the Southwark website.

Speeding cars and cars left for long periods of time were also mentioned as problems for the roads.

Many of the varied and thoughtful suggestions from the survey are being taken forward by the RA.

The School Coach routes were reported to have been changed and the new routes were due to come into operation in days leading to no coaches going down Carlton Avenue.

Councillor Leeming said that there were tradeoffs to be taken into account but he supported CPZs as a way of deterring freeloading parking and it was pointed out that our position at the end of TFL Zone 2 makes commuter parking attractive.

It was noted that the introduction of parking charges in the Southwark Parks could also increase parking in nearby roads.

Andrew Fletcher suggested that employees from Premier use ground leased from the HHVT to release parking, that could help reduce the problems that have been reported adjacent to the Burbage Road railway bridge.

It was pointed out that the phasing of the Village traffic lights, favouring Calton Avenue, causes much worse traffic flow through the Village East to West.

Laurie Johnston updated us on the Healthy Streets initiative for which consultation closes at the end of November. This is funded initially by TFL and limited to certain areas of Dulwich, but there is the chance to fill in the gaps identified over time using other sources. The idea behind this is to take traffic off the roads, not displace it. Recent measurements for the initiative have shown that there has been an 83% increase in the volume of traffic here over the last 4 years and air pollution data (available on the Healthy Streets website) shows that this is very often reaching unacceptable levels. Many residents stressed their concerns, for some the need to tackle pollution had become urgent and the various organisations that were engaging with the issues were noted. One idea is to display live data on this so that the high levels of pollution could be recognised.

Janet Gunn asked that more bicycle storage be created at Herne Hill and Cllr Newens offered to look into this in collaboration with her opposite number in Lambeth.

Clive Hill-Archer reiterated that the Quietway initiative had made matters worse and the description was a misnomer. Councillor Leeming said he thought the term was to be dropped.

Louise noted that two ways improvements can be made immediately are through launching regular Play streets (May to September once a month) for which Burbage has volunteers and challenging those with Idling engines, in the name of the RA if necessary.

## **8. News from other organizations**

### **SCST**

It was reported that in addition to seeking to build a new management team (to replace the founding team) they are looking to develop the dilapidated Pavilion on the old PELO ground for educational and daytime activities, dependent upon funding. A large Football event recently had passed without incident though parking for weekend sports attendance generally continues to be problem.

## **DSC**

Nikhil Roy reported on the improvements to the grounds, with no major projects in train and the success of the annual bonfire and fireworks. Network Rail has offered in principle funding for a mural celebrating sporting activities near the entrance. The safety of Pedestrians at the Sports Club exit to Burbage Road was noted and a suggestion of introducing mirrors to assist drivers to see any pedestrians was mentioned.

## **EAC**

Louise reported that manager, James Freeman, has requested that neighbours maintain their bordering trees for safety reasons and was concerned about parking over the entrance. Councilor Newens offered to help the EAC to secure yellow lines to prevent this.

## **Dulwich Society**

Sue Badman gave an overview of the work of the Society and emphasised that requests for small amounts of funding by residents' groups were welcome. The Society is also looking at the way the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management Advisory Board can more effectively represent residents' interests. Sue reported on consultations for The Mighty Hoopla in 2020 and a new event for Dulwich Park, Pub in the Park over 3/4/5 July.

## **Herne Hill Velodrome**

It was hoped that a good dialogue with the Velodrome could be maintained.

## **9. Any other matters**

Gay Walker asked about the Next Door network which she had been invited to join, apparently endorsed by the Police and requiring submission of personal information. It was noted that concerns had been expressed over this by representatives of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel on data protection grounds and it was also suggested that our RAs could offer the same reassurance, particularly with rolling out WhatsApp groups.

A question was raised about the Orchard's opening hours specifically about the possibility of weekend opening. It was noted that this has been raised with the Dulwich Estate by the Dulwich Society and others.

Colin Roberts kindly gave a vote of thanks to the Chairs of Turney and Burbage for all their work on behalf of residents over the last year.

Turney and Burbage Road RAs thanked everyone for coming along and the meeting closed at 11.25am.