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# What a year!

We have been working away behind the scenes despite all the restrictions and now that we are able meet in person, we are pleased to announce details of our AGM and let you all know what has been going on.

As soon as it was possible, we held our regular litter pick. Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was lovely to be able to get out of the house, have a chat and best of all clear up the mess!

Several problems were reported to us by residents which we have been following up on. These include HGVs on Hainault Road, local planning matters, fly tipping amongst other things.

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tues 12 Oct 2021  
7.30pm  
at  
St Peter's Church Hall**

***All are very welcome to attend!***

***Agenda overleaf***

Changes have been made to our website which you can find at [www.ahda.org.uk](http://www.ahda.org.uk) it's a good way to keep up to date with what is happening or take a look at our [facebook page](#) or follow us on [twitter](#)



## Apples

Jenny organized the apple picking which resulted in a bumper crop gathered by the AHDA members and volunteers.



## Ron Jeffries 1933 - 2020

Remembering Our Ron – Giant of Aldborough Hatch and a founding member of AHDA.

# AGM Agenda 2021

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Matters arising
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee
7. Election of Auditor
8. Chair's Report
9. Any other business



THE MOST POPULAR POST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

It's probably no surprise that our concerns over the 'Overflow car park' at Fairlop Waters and the absence of any consultation whatsoever generated the most views – OVER 600! Along with the greatest number of shares.

Another popular and very recent post is the news from SNT from PCSO Adam's report on three Anti-Social Behaviour warnings issued.

## The Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) Annual General Meeting 29/10/2019

### Minutes

Present: Jenny Chalmers (Chair), Councillor Jyotsna Islam, Councillor John Howard and residents and members of the Association

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction.

1.1 The Chair welcomed Councillor Jyotsna Islam, Councillor John Howard, members and residents. Many thanks to those who have helped with the delivery of the Newsletter and supported our campaigns and events this year. Many thanks to the members of St Peter's Church for the use of the Hall and microphone. Thanks to Suzanne Batey for taking minutes.

1.2 The Chair hoped that Tuesday was a more suitable day for everyone, not breaking into the weekend, most agreed.

#### 2. Apologies for absence.

Councillor Debbie Kaur Thiara, Vanessa Cole, Shirley Rudge, Mary Garrett, Chris Gannaway, Andy Walker, Therese Reggio.

**3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

Proposed by: Ashley Briscoe

Seconded by: Sandra Farlam

Outcome: Agreed

**4 Matters Arising.**

None

**5 Treasurer's Report.**

The Audited Accounts for the Year from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were presented showing a balance of £486.32. Most of our expenditure goes towards the printing of the Newsletter, web housing for website and stationery. Many thanks to Ken for looking after the finance and Shirley for auditing the accounts.

**6 Election of Officers and Executive.**

Chair:	Jenny Chalmers
Vice- Chair:	Chris Gannaway
Secretary:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Ken Morgan
Membership Secretary:	Vacant
Public Relations Officer:	Jenny with Ron's help.
Green Belt Champion:	Chris Gannaway
Dick Turpin Orchard:	Jenny Chalmers
Planning Applications Monitor:	Vanessa Cole
Proposed by:	Margaret Spence
Seconded by:	Ken Morgan
Outcome:	Accepted

**7 Election of Auditor.**

Shirley Rudge was nominated.

Proposed by: Jenny Chalmers

Seconded by: Ken Morgan

Outcome: Accepted

**8 Chair's Report.**

I originally agreed to take on the role of Chair for a year but now in my third year. Unfortunately, I will not be able to continue after next summer and we need to start looking around for someone to take over.

- 8.1 Almost 2 years since they were granted planning permission, the removal of gravel in Areas E and F has still not started by Brett Tarmac Ltd. They have started on the infrastructure with animal traps and fences being erected and the haul road route being marked out.

Despite promises from the Leader of the Council, Jas Athwal, that the haul road would not go through Fairlop Waters, early this year we found out that BTL had other ideas and marked out a route inside the boundary. After a campaign by the AHDA, we did manage to get them to move it back out onto grassland except in the dog leg area between the lagoon and the Barkingside entrance where they are now starting to rip out the vegetation. Chris Gannaway and I continue to attend the Liaison Committee and we were told that extraction was not due to start until Late Spring/Summer 2020 in Area E, next to

the church, but has started in Area F, between Hainault Road and Painters Road. Here, we have already had to protest about the height of the bunds and the fact that they are using subsoil in them.

8.2. Spring saw the threat of the Three London Markets coming to Redbridge. As soon as we found out about it we started a campaign, led by Chris Gannaway, including a petition and were successful in making sure it went to the brown field site in Barking and Dagenham. Our reasons for fighting it were of course to protect our Green Belt Land and protect the area from further traffic congestion and pollution.

8.3 There continues to be huge problems with fly tipping and litter in the area. I think the Council needs to do more to advertise the fact that they will remove large items for free. We had another very successful Litter Clean Up morning in the Spring and managed to collect 52 big bags in a couple of hours. Please come along to the next one. The more people we have, the bigger the difference we can make. Denise Gravestone and Donna Shelby mentioned the problems caused by messy recycling collections in Northdown Crescent and the trail of paper left behind the bins. Councillor Howard mentioned that they are going to start manual sweeping again every fortnight, a litter pick weekly the day after the rubbish collections, topped up with a mechanical clean and this should help alleviate the problem. Also, the introduction of wheely bins which are being trialed in the Borough at the moment should help.

Graham Carter mentioned about the problem of fly-tipping over the hedge in Painters Road. Denise and Donna also mentioned about the problem of fly-tipping between Northdown and Southdown Crescent.

8.4 Incidences of anti-social behaviour including drug use, drug dealing and prostitution are being monitored by the police who would like to know if you see it happen. The more information they have the more effective they can be. There have also been a number of burglaries recently and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team have made Applegarth Drive a priority because of the number of incidents there. This means more patrols in that area.

8.5 Hedge cutting and footpaths. I have received complaints from residents about the state of the hedge and footpath bordering Aldborough Road North to the north of the church which in places is becoming almost impassible. I have reported to Councillors and Savills on numerous occasions. Usually this results in the top of the hedge being cut and the cuttings being left all over the footpath and road. If this continues the hedge will simply collapse and we will have no screening for the fencing and soil heaps that are soon to appear.

8.6 Speeding on Painters Road and Aldborough Road North continue to put lives at risk. The Police continue to do speed checks, but I feel the time has come to consider more effective measures such as chicanes to be placed before and after the bend. Councillor Howard said that Low Emission Zones are being introduced and that Aldborough Ward will be one of the first places to have one. Residents will be consulted about which measures should be introduced. The aim is to make the area more people-friendly than car-friendly. It should make it less tempting for people who cycle on pavements.

The problems caused by double parking in Oaks Lane on Fridays near the Mosque was mentioned and that they are parking on the newly laid grass area at the bend near the Mosque. It appears that attendances and car numbers far exceed those estimated in the original planning application. Councillor Howard will investigate this issue.

It was mentioned that the parking enforcement team were rude to residents and would not come out and investigate illegal parking in Northdown Crescent area. Councillor Howard will look into this.

8.7 The Dick Turpin Orchard continues to flourish and our new brush cutter has definitely helped to reduce the effort needed to keep down the undergrowth. We had a good crop of apples this year, a lot of

which were put to good use around the parish. Chris Gannaway is currently working on a project to extend the orchard down as far as the houses. Many thanks to those who continue to support this project and please let me know if you would like to be involved or get more information. A special thank you to Suzanne and the Batey family for their stalwart support.

## 9 Other Reports

### a. Report on Environmental Issues

Aldborough Hall Nature Reserve (Area D). Wildlife is returning to this area include roe deer which have been spotted by residents. There is still a need to keep undergrowth cleared and cut near houses on Applegarth Drive which in the words of Shirley Rudge, who used to farm it, "Is a shambles of brambles, grass and weeds". Part of the problem is that it is difficult to get machinery in here because of illegal dumping by residents. This has been reported to Councillor Howard who has responsibilities for this Green Belt land.

The issue of the lack of access to the footpath from Painters Road was mentioned and Jenny stated that in the Restoration plan when Area E and F are finished, a footpath will be made linking this area to Fairlop Waters Country Park enabling a circular walk.

### b. Report on Planning Issues.

Vanessa's planning expertise is greatly appreciated in scrutinising any suspect building activities. Remember if you feel something is suspect, the first port of call will always be to check on the Redbridge website what planning permission has been granted. We will be able to help if needed to formulate a complaint if you feel there has been illegal activity.

We are currently having a road off Billet Road being investigated after complaints from a resident. Councillor Howard said that Planning is looking into this, a problem is that the Company involved is based overseas.

It was mentioned that dangerous building practices have been spotted including throwing tiles from roofs into skips and that the vehicles involved are unmarked so difficult to report. Councillor Howard said it would be helpful to report these to the Council.

### c. Councillor John Howard's Report.

Councillor Howard said that he is putting pressure on Redbridge and Vision to put together a whole strategy for the management of Fairlop Plain to better meet the needs of users and wildlife.

## 10 Any Other Business.

John Brooke's mentioned that he was unable to put objections into building work going on in Applegarth Drive because of a lack of any detail in the plans.

Similarly, it was reported that in an Oaks Lane development permission was refused but the structure in question is still there.

Chris Gannaway asked that the time of year of the meeting should be discussed. It was generally thought that more people would be away in the summer and a suggestion was made to move it a little bit earlier before the clocks go back.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Jenny Chalmers, Chair.      29<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA)  
Working with local residents and the council since the 1960's to ensure  
Aldborough Hatch and environs, is a pleasant place to live.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of maintaining the Association, £5 or more per individual or family will be gratefully received.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_