

Open Space



(Above) The lake at Fairlop Waters in July last.

**An occasional newsletter of the
Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
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We get things done!

Last summer Transport for London (TfL) started some much needed repairs to the pavements outside the William Torbitt School along the A12.

These took a month or two (or even three) as these things do, with one lane of eastbound traffic closed off during many a daytime to allow vehicles to park to offload materials and to cause untold delays to traffic whilst no work appeared to be taking place. When the work was almost finished (for there were gaps around manhole covers and such like which still needed attention) TfL's contractors departed, leaving behind a stack of new paving stones and a goodly number of broken ones, all surrounded by bright red barriers – and very attractive they looked too, if you like that sort of thing.

The summer school holidays came and went. We had expected that the site would be cleared when the students were not attending school and the more thoughtless parents were not parking on the yellow lines or the Red Route markings on the corner of the A12 and Aldborough Road North to allow their children to disembark into the traffic. But no, the new and broken paving stones remained, whilst litter started to build up behind the red barriers and obnoxious smells wafted in the air. One sunny Sunday in early September the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) decided that 'Enough is Enough'. And so we wrote an email to our good friend, David Cuthell, Chief Environmental Services Manager at the London Borough of Redbridge. David flagged up the fact that this was the responsibility of TfL and although this was a Sunday and he should have been relaxing in the bosom of his family, David sent our message to the very top at TfL.

On Monday – the very next day – David informed the AHDA that TfL had sent smoke signals to the effect that a "grab lorry was en route to remove the debris and that the ped guard rail would be repaired – date to be confirmed". This all came as something of a surprise for

the AHDA had not expected any action this side of Christmas. Indeed, the Chairman had to have a lie down!.

On Tuesday the first clearance took place at the west entrance to the William Torbitt Primary School. Nothing seemed to happen during the daytime on Wednesday, but a good friend happened to be driving down Aldborough Road North to the traffic lights at around 11pm that evening (yes, 11pm!) when she spotted men with wheelbarrows moving paving stones to a lorry parked in the driveway to the eastern entrance to the school. Uncertain if she was hallucinating at that time of the night, my friend drove round the block and back again to be sure!

On Thursday morning the AHDA checked and sure enough the paving stones, litter and barriers had gone. And not only that but the gaps around the manhole covers and elsewhere had been filled in with concrete.

So congratulations to TfL and all who sail in her, and to David Cuthell for getting this moving in the first place. It took just four days to get something done that had been a scar on the landscape for months and months!

But the wooden seat had disappeared! This had been donated by a resident about 40 years ago and some of us found it helpful to rest awhile after negotiating the subway. TfL were contacted, the seat was located and reinstated within a few days.

This is just one example of how the AHDA gets things done in Aldborough Hatch. Come to the AGM to hear about a few other sagas, some of which have been sorted whilst others drag on and on and on!



(Above) The scene at the junction of the A12 and Aldborough Road North last summer.

All quiet on the sand and gravel front!

There is no news as we go to press on the sand and gravel front but we will update residents at the AGM.

**Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
Annual General Meeting
Friday 27th November 2015 at 8pm
St Peter's Church Halls - Aldborough Road North
Agenda overleaf - All are very welcome to attend**

The AHDA Website is at www.theAHDA.org.uk with background information and up-to-date news on the progress of the 'Enough is Enough' campaign, also follow us on TWITTER (@the_AHDA).

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Abridged Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at

St. Peter's Church Hall on Friday 28th November 2014

Present: Ron Jeffries (Chairman), Councillor John Howard, Councillor Wes Streeting, John Sharrock, Chairman, Barkingside 21, and 54 members of the Association

(1) Welcome and introduction

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, members and residents and paid tribute to two members of the Association who passed away in recent weeks - Ron King, a founder member in the 1960s and one-time Chairman, also Joan Kettley, a loyal and supportive member.

(2) **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor Mrs Debbie Kaur-Thiara, John and Jenny Allen, Linda Hodges, Revd. Kate Lovesey, Pat O'Grady, Olive and Ron Smith, and Debra Wood.

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30th

November 2013 These were agreed. Proposed by Vanessa Cole and seconded by Shirley Cox.

(4) **Matters arising** There were none

(5) **Treasurer's Report** The audited Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2013 to 30th September 2014 were presented, showing expenditure during the year of £465.48 and balance in hand of £454.04. These were agreed – Proposed by Ashley Briscoe, and Seconded by Mercedes Blake

(6) Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected – Chairman: Ron Jeffries; Vice-Chairman: Nicholas Smith; Secretary: Jean Smith; Treasurer: Ken Morgan; Committee: Emma Bell, Vanessa Cole Shirley Cox, Chris Gannaway, Linda Hodges, Pat O'Grady, Ben Moore, Balkrishna Savant, Jean Sibbald, Joan Sullivan, Keith Tranmer, Debra Wood

Proposed by Jim Sibbald and Seconded by Pat Squires

(7) AHDA Website

Nicholas Smith announced that then officially launching of a new fully redesigned and reworked multi-page website for the AHDA. The Chairman thanked Nicholas for his efforts on this.

(8) **Election of Auditor** Shirley Rudge was nominated.

Proposed by Pat Squires and Seconded by Vanessa Cole

(9) Vision for Aldborough Hatch Farmland

Chris Gannaway and Matthew Frith, London Wildlife Trust, gave a presentation on the possibilities for the farmland to be a valued asset for the community. This will be taken forward by the Committee.

(10) Chairman's Report

Issues covered by the Chairman included the following: Lifts at Newbury Park Station; vehicles parked extending over the footway; litter; closure of the Surgery at 1 Spearpoint Gardens; the flagrant abuse of planning permission; the change of use of Abury House; improved facilities at Fairlop Waters Country Park; the state of Bridleway 93; speeding in Aldborough Road North; resurfacing of Aldborough Road North; the work by Transport for London (TfL) on the traffic lights at the junction of the A12 with Aldborough Road. The Chairman spoke extensively on Sand and gravel extraction and possible Housing developments on the green belt of Fairlop Plain.

Questions were raised from the floor by Jenny Chalmers, Vanessa Cole, Shirley Cox, Shirley Rudge and Nicholas Smith. There were responses from Councillors Streeting and Howard. Kevin Paige (London Greenbelt Council) raised concern about any green belt land being developed.

(11) Any other Business

John Sharrock (Barkingside 21) thanked the committee on the work they had done.

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

December 2014

Copies of the full Minutes are available on request

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association

will be held on

Friday 27th November 2015 at 8pm in

St Peter's Church Halls, Aldborough Road North

All are very welcome to attend

Agenda

1) Welcome and introduction

(2) Apologies for absence

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th November 2014 (*see first column*)

(4) Matters arising

(5) Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2014 to 30th September 2015 will be tabled at the AGM

(6) Election of Officers and Committee

The following have been nominated:

Chairman: Ron Jeffries;

Vice-Chairman: Nicholas Smith;

Secretary: Jean Smith; Treasurer: Ken Morgan;

Committee: Emma Bell, Vanessa Cole Shirley Cox,

Chris Gannaway, Linda Hodges, Pat O'Grady,

Ben Moore, Balkrishna Savant, Jean Sibbald, Joan

Sullivan, Keith Tranmer, Debra Wood

Nominations please for new members of the Committee to the Chairman before the meeting or at the AGM.

(7) Election of Auditors

The following has been nominated: Shirley Rudge

(8) Chairman's Report

(9) Any other business

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

November 2015

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Application for Renewal or New Membership

I wish to: * become a Member of the Aldborough Hatch

Defence Association for the year 2015 to 2016

* renew my Membership for the year 2015 to 2016

**Please delete as applicable*

Name: (Mr, Mrs, Miss).....

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

I enclose £ as a donation towards the Association's Fighting Fund (£5 or more per individual or family).

Signed:

Date:

Please hand in at the AGM or return to:

The Hon Treasurer, c/o 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North, Aldborough Hatch, ILFORD, Essex IG2 7SX

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