



Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents' Association

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an independent, non-politically aligned organisation run for and by the residents of Addiscombe

Minutes: ASPRA AGM

held on 13 March 2024 in the Pavilion, St Mildred's

Apologies were received from councillor Sue Bennett, road reps Mary Crinnegan, Pat Gordon, Sarah Hills, Joy Morrall, Jan Rutter, Bob Sleeman, and David Beard, Sid Hamilos, and Simone Sailman.

Steve (Chair) introduced the meeting with the comment that it was ASPRA's 35th anniversary.

The **minutes of the 2023 AGM** were accepted, subject to correction of the spelling of Sarah Hills's name. These and other papers referred to can be found on the website.

The three minor **changes proposed to the Constitution** were accepted.

In the **ballot for committee roles** the following re-elections (r), elections (e) and changes were agreed

- i. Chair – Steve White (r)
- ii. Vice-Chair – vacant (Colin Gamm standing down). *Subsequent to AGM:* Phil Poole stepped forward and was co-opted into the role
- iii. Treasurer – Claire Brialey (r)
- iv. Secretary – vacant
- v. Magazine Editor – vacant. *Subsequent to AGM:* Joseph Sarpong stepped forward and was co-opted into the role
- vi. Advertising Manager – vacant. *Subsequent to AGM:* Steve White agreed to take on the role, with the assistance of Colin Gamm
- vii. Contact Manager – Dave Lee (r)
- viii. Membership Secretary – Dave Lee (r)
- ix. Project Co-ordinator – Deborah Shaw (e)
- x. Social Media Co-ordinator – Penny Curran (r)
- xi. Web manager – John Robinson (r)
- xii. Events Co-ordinator – Deborah Shaw (r)

Review of annual subscriptions

Currently £4 per annum per household, for a number of years. In 2023 there was an average £3.45 voluntary additional donation (an increase from 2022).

Claire (Treasurer) proposed £4 subscription remain for 2024 – accepted by meeting.

Police annual report

Police attending ASPRA AGM: PS Nathan Saville, PCSO Kieron Green.

PS Saville spoke about robbery of phones from school kids in the Oasis-Trinity area after school and on the trams. The Met's "School Teams" are engaging with schools. He also spoke of targeting persistent shoplifters.

The need to report any crime and anti-social behaviour observed was emphasised, since the number of valid reports helps to focus the need for additional attention to an area. Please use the "Easy Fill Statement" to report anti-social behaviours and petty incidents.

Asked about why there is no regular beat, PS Saville explained this is due to low officer numbers and modern crime complexity. Staffing for Shirley North Ward is 2 PCs and 1 PCSO per day shift.

Chairman's annual report for 2023

Steve White: ASPRA has met with local traders, residential groups, the Mayor of Croydon, and the Croydon council Safety Officer – discussing action against local crime, vagrancy, aggressive begging and antisocial behaviour.

Residents are encouraged to report local incidents because that data is used to direct police and council resources to our area. (Use the 'Easy Fill Statement' and Crimestoppers link, which can be found on ASPRA's social media sites.) Report any Tram incidents to TFL.

There was also discussion about merging with Blackhorse Residents Group (BRG), but BRG are not in favour; this may be something to revisit in the future.

Vice-Chairman's annual report for 2023

Colin Gamm was unable to attend the meeting but his report will be on the website.

Treasurer's annual accounts and report for 2023

Claire Brialey. The audited accounts for 2023 were presented to the AGM, and copies of the detail made available to attendees (a summary report is on the website). Key points: £769.85 surplus for the year. Monies already identified for 2 years of hanging baskets and 4 years of festive lights.

Magazine annual report for 2023

Dave Lee (report on the website). ASPRA is grateful for the strong support by two members helping with articles and collation.

3 editions per annum; advertisement space is bought by traders for the year. The Spring edition of the magazine goes out to 2,000 households; the other two editions go to members only.

Most advertisements are purchased as a series of 3 consecutive issues. Approx ⅓ of them are renewed for another series each issue, which evens out the invoicing workload.

Contact Manager's & Membership annual report for 2023

Dave Lee (report on the website). 768 membership subscriptions during the year.

Acknowledgement to road rep Chris Facey who achieved 100% uptake of Carlyle Road.

If ASPRA membership become aware of local planning notices and let us know, ASPRA will email residents in the local vicinity if their email is in ASPRA's databank.

Project Co-ordinator's annual report for 2023

Gill Lee, who was stepping down from this role (report on the website). Deborah Shaw has agreed to add Projects to her existing Events role. A formal vote of thanks was proposed by Claire to Gill, and enthusiastically agreed.

Social Media Co-ordinator's annual report for 2023

Penny Curran (report will be on the website). ASPRA's Facebook has 1,000 followers. Instagram 14 followers so far! Residents can post or send in interesting local photos for ASPRA's social media. 18th May 'Road Consultation' meeting TBC and details will be posted. Any queries for ASPRA can be sent to email address contact@aspra.uk

Web Manager's annual report for 2023

John Robinson. ASPRA website provides useful links to services discussed, ASPRA documents and contacts. There are ongoing plans to refresh and develop the website. Residents can send in local information and events for addition to the website.

Event Co-ordinator's annual report for 2023

Deborah Shaw (report on the website). Upcoming events on ASPRA website:

- March: Sunday 24th, 2-4 pm – cherry blossom celebration in Addiscombe rec. All welcome to join your neighbours with a small picnic
 - June: Tuesday 11th – meeting to celebrate road reps and plan this year's Jumble Trail
 - September: Saturday 14th – Jumble Trail
 - November: Friday 15th, late afternoon/early evening – turning on festive lights
 - December: Saturday 7th – St Mildred's Christmas Fair
- A new gazebo has been bought for ASPRA events.

Addiscombe Recreation Ground gardening annual report for 2023

Lyn Simmons (report on the website). Many thanks to all gardening volunteers. There is funding for planting available.

Lyn is stepping down from the gardening co-ordination role, although will still join in work parties; there is space for someone to take over co-ordination of Bingham Rec flowerbed maintenance and continue with other residents.

Litter-picking annual report for 2023

Jenny Tighe. Group meets every second Monday of the month, 5-6 pm in winter, 6-7 pm in summer; meet at Bingham Corner. On average 5 people help. 94 bags collected this year. Big thanks to all volunteers.

There is a WhatsApp group for Addiscombe litterpicking for those who may like to venture wider. The BT phone box on Addiscombe high street has been cleaned by BT.

Councillors' annual report for 2023

5 councillors (2 wards) in ASPRA catchment. Attending: Jeet Baines, Richard Chatterjee, Maddie Henson.

Traffic consultations are being held to review the local one-way systems towards East Croydon. Continued hopes for re-planning and regeneration of central Croydon.

Ashburton Park Friends secured £300,000 for events celebrating the park's centenary.

Cashless parking is planned for the area.

Continuing absence of a bus shelter on Addiscombe high street is due to contract issues.

A member requested the bus stops be put back outside Croydon library.

AOB

Bingham Rec tennis courts need cleaning. This should be reported to GLL (contact info by the gate). Ashburton bowls club is 90 years old this year.

Many thanks to Laura Mulligan for volunteering to record the minutes.