

THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION

The sixteenth Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 25 June 1984 at 8.30 pm at St John's Parish Centre, 2 Lansdowne Crescent.

Chairman: Robert Meadows

Apologies for absence: Valerie Wallace, Michael Cocks, Royd Barker, Ian Grant, John Tarling.

1. MINUTES The Minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed.
2. MATTERS ARISING These were dealt with under other items.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

One of the main tasks of the Executive Committee is to monitor change in the Ladbroke Conservation Area, principally by commenting on the planning applications submitted to the Kensington Planning Department. Three major applications have attracted quite a lot of attention during the past year. Two of these were for the re-building of Nos 1-7 Ladbroke Road, and Nos 7-9 Ladbroke Grove, both of which were refused by the Council and have been subject to appeal. The outcome is not known.

The third application was a proposal to build penthouse flats on the blocks in Kensington Park Road known as Princes House, Buckingham Court and Matlock Court. This case was particularly significant because it related to the controversy over the interpretation of the '10% rule'. It is said that this application was approved by the Council in order to avoid payment of as much as £100,000 in compensation. The Association has taken part in the campaign to change the application of the '10% rule'.

The Kensington Temple continues to cause concern, and we are constantly pressing for completion of the external works. The removal of cornices, mouldings etc can have a damaging effect on the character of the environment, but are largely outside planning control. Here the Association, through its members, must act as watch-dog and use its influence to safeguard the important details of the environment.

The first of our two members' meetings was a visit to two interesting houses - the Victorian Society house in Stafford Terrace, and Leighton House. The second took the form of a walk through some of the communal gardens, which are an enormously important feature of our area. Both these events were over-subscribed and were very enjoyable.

Our membership continues to grow slowly. It is largely through the efforts of our existing members that we gain recruits - so it is up to us all!

4. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the accounts were available and Peter Austerfield, the Honorary Treasurer, presented them to the meeting. The present membership was 323, and although the subscription was £1, an average of £1.75 per member was being paid. About 100 members paid by Covenant. The subscription was very small and there were suggestions for increasing it, but the Committee had not felt this to be justified at present, especially as many members were already paying more than the minimum. During the year £50 had been received from a film company working in the area, and £150 had been given to the St John's Church fabric appeal.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Peter Thorold, seconded by David Marshall and carried by the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Auditor for their work.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman proposed the election of Elizabeth Beaven as Honorary Secretary. This was carried by the meeting.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of Peter Austerfield as Honorary Treasurer. This was carried by the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were two vacancies.

Richard Bird had been duly nominated and seconded and was automatically elected.

There remained one vacancy.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was a short discussion in which the two principal matters were the following:

28-30 Lansdowne Road Questions were asked about the state of these houses and the possibility of Council action under Housing Action Area and General Improvement Area legislation.

Street lighting Questions were asked about the new street lighting in part of the area. Peter Thorold spoke about the Association's discussions with the Works Department on this matter.

8. In closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked all those present for attending.