

THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting 10 July 1973

1. Acknowledgements

The Chairman thanked the Knights of St. Columba Club for once again allowing the Association to hold the meeting in their hall and for making arrangements for the Wine and Cheese Party. The Association was also most grateful to the Committee of the Clarendon Road/Lansdowne Road gardens for allowing the party exceptionally to be held in the gardens.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Professor E. Carus -Wilson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Thompson -Mc.Causland who, as committee members regretted that they were unable to attend, and also from Mrs Crispin, Mr. Heymann and Miss Wallace.

3. Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting, which had been circulated to members in October 1972, were approved and signed.

4. Accounts

In presenting the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1973, the Treasurer expressed the Association's gratitude to Miss Ussher, who once again had undertaken the task of recovering tax paid on covenanted subscription which helped a great deal to increase the Association's annual income. The biggest expenditure during the year had been the cost of the Traffic Survey, part of which had been recovered through the sale of copies.

The accounts were accepted, their adoption having been proposed by Professor von Furer-Haimendorf, seconded by Mr. Forsyth.

5. Election of Officers and Committee

Having served as Chairman and Treasurer respectively for the five years since the Association was formed, both Mr. Stirling and Mr. Bridge had indicated their wish not to stand for re-election as officers. Professor Carus-Wilson had agreed to stand for election as Chairman, and Mr. Jackson, who had been co-opted onto the Committee during the year to act as Membership Secretary, had agreed to combine this with the Treasurership, if elected. Miss Lloyd was willing to stand for re-election as Secretary. Following a proposal by Professor Haimendorf, seconded by Mr. Postgate, the meeting elected the above persons to serve as officers for 1973/74 and the following persons to serve on the Committee for the next three years (as required by the revised constitution):

New Committee members: Mr. J D C Carleton

Mr. T Herring

Mr. F C T Markham

Mr. C Whitfield

Re-elected members:

Mr. I Grant

Mr. A Stirling

Mrs K Kinmonth

Mr. E Notcutt

Mrs P Quirk

Mrs P Pirie

Mr R Meadows

Santa Raymond

(co-opted in 1972/73)

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman explained that he had not sent out a separate report as the first copy of the Newsletter which had been distributed to members in June was considered to have served the purpose. As he was retiring from the Chairmanship it seemed an appropriate time to review the progress which the Association had made since its foundation five years previously. Although the Borough were only just beginning to consider conservation seriously at that time, during the intervening years there had been a significant change in their attitude. This had been reflected especially in their willingness to co-operate with local amenity societies and to take into account their views on planning matters, particularly when these could be shown to be genuinely representative of the views of residents in the area. The Chairman felt therefore that the most important function of such societies could be to act both as a clearing house for information on conservation matters and as a link between the Borough and the local community. In order that the latter purpose was achieved successfully it was important that the membership of the Association should be substantially increased and also that it should be spread more evenly over the conservation area. A membership drive was therefore planned for the Autumn and, as an intermediate step, the Committee had agreed that the area should be divided into 24 smaller localities, based where possible on garden squares, and each having a street representative. It was thus hoped to involve more people directly in the Association's work.

Positive achievements of the Association included the Traffic Report; the initiative by the Association which had been a major factor in the Borough's adoption of a policy to prevent further infillings in Clarendon Road, and the refusal or amendment of planning applications for a number of sites considered to be of key importance. A survey of trees in the area was planned for the autumn. The Committee would also be considering in detail the implications of the Tavistock/Colville study, especially in relation to the plans for control of traffic within the eastern part of the conservation area. Concluding Mr. Stirling warmly thanked the members and in particular his colleagues on the committee for their loyal and effective support which had made possible the Association's contribution to local affairs. Mr. Postgate commented on the considerable debt which the Association owed to Mr. Stirling for his work on its behalf, and also for the help which Mrs Stirling had given. The change of climate of opinion within the Borough could very largely be attributed to Mr. Stirling's work as Chairman over the past five years.

8. Open Discussion

The following points were made during the discussion which followed: A number of residents had received letters informing them that a Section 8 Direction had been taken out against their property. As very few of the buildings in the conservation area were listed, they could be demolished although planning permission would be required for re-development on the site. The Section 8 Direction, which protects buildings against demolition, was therefore a further step towards conservation which should be welcomed by the Association.

The Association had made known to the Borough its view that forecourt parking should in general be discouraged; in particular permission should be refused for plans which involved the demolition of trees. Consideration was being given to seeking an extension of the conservation area boundaries. In any case, the Committee always gave careful consideration to any applications for planning permission within the adjacent area.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year to March 31 1973

Cash at Bank and In Hand 1 April 1972		Postage, Stationery, Sundries	22.86
Deposit Account	91.46	G. L. C. Survey of London - North Kensington	10.90
Current Account	5.00		
Petty Cash	<u>4.95</u>	Traffic Report & Survey Costs less Sales	73.87
	101.41	Hire of Room	5.00
Subscriptions Received	135.60	Bank Charges	1.73
Deposit Account Interest	5.54		
Income Tax recovered on Covenants	26.93	Cash at Bank - 31 March 1973	
		Deposit Account	142.35
		Current Account	<u>17.69</u>
			160.04
		Less Petty Cash overdrawn - 31 March 1973	<u>4.92</u>
			155.12
	<u>£269.48</u>		<u>£269.48</u>
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ANGUS STIRLING, Chairman

I have examined the above
Receipts and Payments Account
and certify it is correct

QUINTIN BRIDGE, Hon. Treasurer

2 July 1973

E. V. Notcutt
Chartered Accountant