

## **Downshire Hill Residents' Association**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Present: Stephen Ainger (chair), Andrew Neale, Nigel Steward, Redding Thompson, Sophie Marple, Peter Freedman, Tony Gordon James**

1. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
2. BT Box. A BT Infinity box had been installed, after many years waiting and chasing. The committee was glad service would at last be improved, but noted that it was ugly, being badly placed in the middle of the pavement. (The Virgin box is discreet.). Andrew had asked Camden why there had been no consultation but despite being asked to review by Camden, BT had gone ahead and connected. Andrew advised that Camden were looking into it.
3. ERUV update. Stephen said the council were still considering each pole location and were asking various changes to them and no decision had yet been made.
4. Basement construction.

The council had published the draft Dev Plan and were still against the idea that the s106 is included in any consent should include, as a condition, that a Construction Management Plan (CMP), with a full construction sequence, must be submitted to the council and approved as part of the s106 before construction can start and that this CMP is only complete if it includes final party wall agreements with all effected neighbours.

It appears that Camden is still against this policy as they believe it thwarts planning which of course it does not as party wall legislation gives clear deadlines on when a PW award has to be granted. A neighbour cannot hold to ransom once planning is granted. All the CMP and attached PWA would be designed to do is ensure that the construction sequence was designed in such a way to minimise damage to neighbours. Camden still considering.

5. Police Station redevelopment. The EFA have not replied to the DHRA letter. The deadline for an appeal is next week and if one is being lodged we will hear the week after that when the Council will be informed by the Planning Inspectorate.

As soon as we hear it was agreed we would need to call a special meeting with all concerned but it was also agreed that we would fight any appeal. Exactly how we would do this would be decided later but would depend on how the Council planned to deal with any appeal.

It was noted that the financial statement had been circulated to all the street and local donors showing what had been spent and the funds remaining

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Treasurer Mark Dennis