



BROOKMILL ROAD CONSERVATION AREA SOCIETY AGM

Minutes of AGM held on-line at 7pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023

1. Present at AGM and talk: Xanthe Mosley, Clare Cowen, Jane Hearn, Robin Cross, Sunday Ellis, Fred Aylward, Kay Haldane, Helen Reeves, Helena Russell, Stephen Penfold, Lorna Jackson, Colin Finch, Mary Mills, Litsa and Gordon Breingan, Juliet Johnson and Julia Rowntree.
 - 1.1. Apologies for Absence: Verity Rowsell, Adrian Ingram, Ivo Mosley, and Matthew Mosley
 - 1.2. Registered for talk included: David Aylward, Anne Caron-Delion, Geoffrey Richardson, Philip Binns, Jan Farmer, Jeannet Ligan, Sally Case, Alison Guppy, Chloe Ducroizet,
2. Minutes of the AGM dated 15th March 2022 and Chair's report were circulated by email to members prior to the meeting and were approved by XM, RC, JJ and CC.
3. Chair's Report from 15th March 2022 to June 13th 2023. Posted on website covers planning applications, consultations, forum membership and participation, local actions and future plans.
4. Secretary's Report – the membership is 16 People.
 - 4.1. Officers serve for 2 years, so next Elections to be held in spring 2024.
5. Treasurer's Report – BRCA Soc has no Bank account. Modest costs are supported by donations to cover printing, laminated posters, website, gift for the Speaker, etc.
6. AOB
 - 6.1. Litsa Breingan asked if the Minutes were emailed. It was confirmed they were sent to members prior to the meeting and are also on the website.
 - 6.2. Lorna Jackson commented how much she has enjoyed all the talks and asked how subjects have been chosen.

Topics are inspired by the area. Social housing, tonight's topic, has significantly shaped this part of London. Its development is fascinating, particularly the quality of construction, ensuring building fabric has lasted well.

Retrofit webinars came out of extensive research into well informed and authoritative speakers who might address this evolving subject, and through partnership with SELCE and Historic England.



Lorna commented that BRCA team has definitely got their fingers on the pulse.

6.3. Helena Russell of Deptford Society, agreed with Lorna's comment. JR clarified that Carrington House is actually in the Deptford CA, but dominates the entrance to the Brookmill Road CA. Helena thanked BRCA for programming the talk.

The Meeting closed at c 7.25pm in advance of the on-line Talk.

Historian, Martin Stilwell MA

SOCIAL HOUSING IN SOUTH EAST LONDON WITH A FOCUS ON CARRINGTON HOUSE (Today's Mereton Mansions)

The talk was about the history of Mereton Mansions, originally Carrington House. This imposing building and neighbouring Sylva Cottages dominate the Deptford Bridge end of Brookmill Road.

The main building, built in 1903 as a hostel for working men, was converted into individual apartments in 1995 and became Mereton Mansions. Historian Martin Stilwell will illuminate the evolution of early social housing in SE London and highlight the development and one time decline of Carrington House.

