

SKBERA AGM South Park School 6.30 pm. for 7.00pm. Monday 30th September 2024

Committee members in attendance. Doug Whitbread, Brian Garfield, John Baxter, Paula Turner, Margaret Vallis, Prad Solanki, Stuart Vallis.

Approx number of guest: 32

DW. Commences meeting at 7.13pm. Welcome and introduces Cllr Khan.

TK. Brief life history. Lived and schooled in Pendle, Lancashire. Strong Liverpool FC. supporter. Moved to London at age 16. Suffered racial attack with long physical repercussions. Gained Doctorate at Cambridge and now works in finance.

Lives locally in Dawlish Drive. Became a LBR Counsellor in 2022.. Currently Chairs Pension Fund Committee and serves on Safer Redbridge Committee, Mayfield Safer Neighbourhood Team, South Park User Group, and promotes Parkside Community Centre.

Question from floor;

(a) What can be done to reduce number of learner driving schools using estate. (b) Stop stationary vehicles with idling engines causing unnecessary emissions. (c) Stop parking across drives.

Answer; (a) Council can do nothing. (B) Bad manners, (c) Difficult to control.

Discussion: Quality of instructors, politely ask to stop or move.

PT. Mentions availability of WhatsApp Group and SNT for public to report incidents. Residents report to highlight hotspots and maybe driving schools can be contacted to reduce use of estate for lessons.

TK. Council now has WhatsApp group for resident to use and report incidents. Selling cars as a business is illegal and actions and convictions have been actioned by Council to stop and enforce.

Question from floor;

Driveway Tax. Is this a possibility from Labour Government?

Answer. No knowledge of implementation of such tax.

Question from floor;

Fraudulent selling of cars using a residents driveway in advert.

Answer: Report to SNT. Not a Council matter.

Question from floor;

What can be done to stop noisy car and bike exhaust?

Answer. PT. Report to SNT, ideally with photograph and/or registration plate number.

Question from floor;

TFL have contributed £1.6 million for use and installation of CCTV cameras to help stop crime and car theft. Why has the Bungalow Estate not got CCTV?

Answer LBR has 700 CCTV cameras including some mobile. Crimes and infringements must be reported to Council so hot spots can be highlighted and necessary action can be taken to place cameras appropriately.

Question from floor;

Crime rate on Estate is increasing. CCTV cameras are not. Why?

From floor by Seven Kings Counsellor. Incidents must be reported so action can be instigated as answer given above. Positioning of cameras is 'Evidence Based', therefore public must report incidents to Council.

Question from floor;

Working from home using more than one room should be taxed at business rate. What is Council doing to enforce?

Answer: Council will enforce if reported and sufficient evidence gained. Incidents must be reported to enable Council to take action.

Question from floor:

Are Counsellors liable to fines or are they exempt from some, i.e. Mould in rented accommodation?

Answer: Yes they are liable the same as is any one else, no special dispensation.

Discussion. Appertaining around recently elected local MP and alleged bad practice. TK will not comment on specific questions relating to other Council members and recommends taking question direct to person in question at surgery or other methods of contact.

Question from floor:

Does the Council have any intention of reviewing Article 4 Directive and Guidelines?

Answer: No.

Question from floor:

Further to the SKBERA committee meeting with Planning Officers and Counsellors earlier this year will there be future meetings to strengthen liaison between both parties?

Answer: No.

Discussion. High fences and gates. What should be acceptable and what not. BG states in many case not acceptable

Question from floor:

How do you represent residents?

Answer: Action where possible or report to relevant department to follow up and action if possible.

Discussion Why are different sized Dormers allowed and not allowed at rear of property, they make no difference to front elevation.

Question from floor:

How important is it for protection of trees, front gardens and environment. Limit damage by climate change and reduce crime levels.

Answer. TK very proactive in protection of trees, maintaining traditional style of windows while using modern material and technology. Policing and crime prevention are reliant partly on public reporting incidents. Report ASBO to Council and SNT.

Discussion. BG. TPO's can be requested on any suitable tree by public to the Council. Windows can be replaced but still look traditional.

Question from floor:

Rear Dormers, (following on from previous question).

Answer. BG Planning decisions must be flexible but some new porches are awful and at odds to Article 4 Design Guidelines

Discussion. Are not all trees over a certain size protected by TPO's if within Conservation Area? Yes but still apply for individual TPO.

Statement from floor by Seven Kings Councillor. SKBERA Committee are passionate about preserving the character of the Bungalow Estate and continue working to that effect.

DW. Thanks for comment and thanks TK for attendance.

TK. Advises of regular surgeries at Green Lane cafe and Goodmayes library. And also refers residents to use media for updates and information on local activities.

Treasurers report. TB £415.00 in hand and bank.

DW. Advises that the present Committee is prepared to stand for another term. Voted on and agreed.

PT. Advises residents and people living locally to use the group WhatsApp.

Meeting closed at 9.03pm.