

ASTELL STREET ET AL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 1

Present:

Mr. Buxton
Mr. McKelvie
The Hon. Mrs Assheton
Mr. Barton
Mr. Feeny
Mr. Hughes-Onslow
Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Weil
Mrs. Landon

Chairman
Treasurer

Secretary

The Committee Meeting was held on 29th March 1979, at 6.30 p.m. at 36 Burnsall Street, SW3.

1. Mr. Buxton stated that a bank account had been opened at Barclays Bank, Kings Road. Signatories were any two of Messrs. Buxton, McKelvie, Weil and Mrs. Landon. This action was ratified.
2. Mr. Feeny asked about the liability of the members of the committee vis-a-vis members, and the association vis-a-vis other householders. Mr. Weil replied that the Association had no formal legal standing but that naturally the officers and committee members had the normal liability for their actions.
3. Mr. McKelvie put to the meeting the administration costs of setting up the Association, which amounted to:-

Paper and Printing	£14.25
Hire of Hall	£14.00
Envelopes	£ 1.26
4. Mr. Buxton reviewed the current situation regarding the Stowell site. He said:-
 - a) the owner was a Mr. Kelidjian, and that the Cadogan Estate retained an interest in some of the site.
 - b) Mr. Kelidjian had bought the freeholds of the south and east side of Burnsall Street - possibly as part of the overall arrangement with Cadogan, but that leaseholder's enfranchisement rights had not been affected.
 - c) It was important to know who would benefit from the development of the site. Access was likely to be the most difficult aspect so that the developers might possibly plan to buy out individual householders and widen Burnsall Street.
 - d) The proposed building must not be too high.

- e) Offices would probably be the most lucrative, but this brought more people into the area with associated travel problems.
- f) Newman - Levinson, the architects, were revising the plans and had said they would rather have cooperation with the residents than fight them.

Mr Buxton then asked members of the committee to give their views on what they and the residents wanted.

Mr Weil said it was important to keep in with the Cadogan Estate; that a car park was a necessity for a supermarket and that therefore a supermarket was not possible - that offices less objectionable - and that houses would be best.

Mr Feeny said we must know with whom we are dealing and the financial interests concerned. The association should aim to stand between the developer and the Council.

Mrs Landon said there was speculation over the present and future ownership of Cignet House.

Mr Hughes-Onslow said that Pheasantary Residents Association apparently had had little effect on the outcome of that development.

Mr Barton said that traffic was probably the most important consideration. He would hope for small flats or flatlets for single people with fewer cars.

Mr O'Sullivan said that information should be gathered before forming a final view - the area required that as pleasant a building as possible should be erected on the site.

Mr McKelvie said he was opposed to any development which would increase commercial traffic.

Mr Buxton said that offices should be built at the King's Road end possibly with some small shops below and that there should be flats at the Britten Street end.

After discussion, it was agreed: -

- i) the Secretary should inform the Planning Officers of the existence of the Association and ensure that it was advised as soon as revised plans were submitted.
- ii) Mr Buxton should tell Cnr Brooks of the formation of the Association and ask him to talk to the Committee at some future stage.
- iii) Mr Buxton should talk to the Chairman of the Pheasantary Association.
- iv) Mrs Assheton should try to find out a bit more about Mr Kelidjian.

