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OUR NEXT MEETING

**8pm on Wednesday 10th January 2007 at
11 Wantage Road**

Open to all residents in the area. Ends 9.30pm-nibbles afterwards

Note of our Meeting on 6th December 2006 at 66 Effingham Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Steve Griffiths, Faye Carney, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Chris Allison, Pauline Hatfield, Anita Whitfield, Andrea Breugelmanns, Sven Griesenbeck, May Clarke and Sheila Peck **Apologies:** Ralph White, Jim Mallory, Suki Picarda, and Jeremy Carden

News on Planning Applications

- 49 Effingham Road - following refusal to grant permission for the removal of the Lime Tree (July Meeting Notes) consent was given to an application to reduce by one third. The reduction was carried out but the work was crudely done. Charles complained to the council that this was a meagre outcome given the council had put a preservation order on the tree. The council said it was considering legal action. The bad pruning has since been corrected and the tree reduced to a lower pollarding point; it should grow again in time.
- 31 Southbrook Road (the green house) - This house has finally been sold and builders are now undertaking renovation work. Charles advised that he had been concerned that the builders appeared to be demolishing part of the side coach house and had spoken to the Council about it. A council enforcement officer visited the site. The builders said the demolished wall was in a bad state and would be reinstated. Charles has since written to the owner pointing out that the property is in a conservation area and urging retention of features such as the wooden sash windows.
- High Fence in Taunton Road. (see last month's Notes) - Steve had written to the Communities and Local Government office to obtain specific confirmation of the permitted height of fences in front and between houses and unfortunately they had confirmed that the 1 metre rule applies only to fences which front the highway. Between houses a height of 2 metres is allowed and we therefore have no justification in raising any objection to the fence which has been erected. Steve also advised that he had received no further news about the Advertising Hoardings at Lee Station.
- 55 Manor Lane (see last month's Notes) - Charles suggested, and we all agreed, that we should not object to the removal of the acacia but should support the retention of the lime tree as these are trees which are characteristic of Victorian planting schemes.
- 44 Effingham Road - An Application has been submitted for consent to fell a maple tree.

The Planning Panel Meeting on 30th November which Charles attended considered the following applications:

73 Micheldever Road - fell a silver birch and reduce a lime tree in the front garden - no objections registered; 53 Taunton Road - fell a cherry tree in the front which is causing subsidence - no objections raised.; 128 Burnt Ash Road - convert upper floors to provide 2 one-bed self-contained flats together with installation of window at rear. The Panel objected to the size and type of window proposed.

New Tiger's Head

Charles has spoken to Greenwich Planning Department about an application to turn the top two floors into six flats. The plans do not appear to involve any changes to the exterior of the pub. But the planning application is unclear about whether the original windows would be retained. Charles wrote urging their retention. On a more general note, Charles has begun researching the history of the area around the crossroads at Lee Green with a view to preparing the draft of a design brief.

The Manor House Library

The Contract for the proposed renovations/alterations was due to be awarded on 13th December at a meeting from which both the press and public would be excluded. The next Project Meeting was due to be held on 19th December.

30 Year Leaflet

The community safety committee is setting up a web site and has asked for permission to include our 30-year Timeline Leaflet on the site. We all agreed we had no objection and that it would be good publicity for the Society.

20mph Zone

In general we all agreed with the proposals recently announced by the Council for additional humps to reduce speed although we are concerned about the 'cycle friendly' humps which are proposed for Manor Lane. The general view was that motorists will tend to drive down the middle of the road to avoid the humps and this could lead to 'head-on' collisions. We are also concerned about 'construction' traffic that will arise from work at Northbrook School. Traffic control measures will need to take account of this

Boone 's Chapel

Charles reported the discovery of the coffins of Christopher Boone and his wife Mary under the previous altar area in the Chapel. The Blackheath Historic Buildings Trust, who are managing the restoration project, have launched a press campaign to get stories into the local and national press and specialist architecture magazines.

Graffiti

Successful last meeting when we removed graffiti on fences and trees in and around Handen Road and also removed excessive growth around the base of trees in that road.

Our next outing is at 2pm on Sunday, 28 January and we will meet this time outside 11 Wantage Road – all volunteers greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to Steve and Faye for hosting the meeting.

Volunteers for hosting future meetings would be much appreciated.