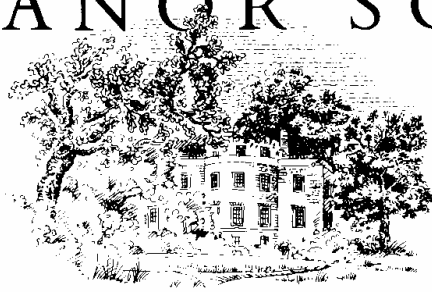


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OUR NEXT MEETING

8pm on Wednesday 6th December 2006 at
66 Effingham Road SE12 8NU

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

Note of our Meeting on 8th November at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor, Ralph White, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Steve Griffiths, Faye Carney, Anita Whitfield, Sukie Picarda, May Clarke and Sheila Peck

Apologies: Andrea Breugelmanns, Jim Mallory, Sue Byford, Lee Green SNT, Chris Allison and Jeremy Carden

News on Planning Applications

- 55 Manor Lane - fell a lime and an acacia and cut back a sycamore. Charles advised that he had already e-mailed the Council to advise that we would not object to the removal of the lime but that we would wish the acacia to be retained
- 76 Burnt Ash Road – construction of ground floor side extension to provide additional living accommodation. The Amenities Society Panel have recommended to oppose the application because it would give the appearance of joining the two adjacent houses together. Charles has also already e-mailed to register an objection to this proposal as this is definitely not something we would like to see and would not like a precedent to be set.
- 21e Southbrook Road – the installation of uPVC, double glazed replacement windows. This is a small block where the original windows are metal ‘crittal’ but one flat has already changed these for uPVC. Continued piecemeal replacement with windows of different design from different manufacturers will render the building unsightly and a policy should be established. Previously there had been objection to the first installation and the Amenities Society Panel decided that notwithstanding that one dwelling has already changed to uPVC they would object to the application because it is now possible to get double glazed crittal windows.
- 78-80 Handen Road – installation of timber, double-glazed sliding sash replacement windows to the front elevation and timber, double-glazed sliding sash and casement replacement windows and doors to the side and rear elevation. We all agreed we would have no objection to this proposal.
- High Fence in Taunton Road. Steve has made enquiries of the Planning Department and they have advised that it is a permitted development between two terraced houses but Steve is proposing to make further enquiries and Charles agreed to raise the matter with Focus because the appearance is not at all attractive.
- Steve has written to the Council about the 2 large Advertising Hoardings at Lee Station to say that we would like to see them removed and asking the Council to let us know when the Consents come up for renewal.

New Tiger's Head

A Planning Application has been submitted for the conversion of the two upper floors of the building into 6 one-bed roomed flats but there are no known proposals for the Ground Floor as yet. There is space at the rear of the building to provide parking spaces which access to the main road via the entrance at the side of Grahams Web hairdressers. Charles has spoken to Ian Smith at Greenwich Planning Department who agrees that this is a fine building and one which he would like to protect and keep but confirmed it is not at present listed in any way. Charles suggested that Ian Smith should recommend to the Council that the building is given some listed status and also advised us that Neil Rhind, the Blackheath Society representative on the Council, supported this suggestion.

The Manor House Library

It was generally agreed that we are in favour of the new plans and proposals which had been displayed recently in the Library. The English Heritage Case Officer has also confirmed that he has no objection and has given supportive advice but has indicated that he is receiving a somewhat negative reaction from one of his panel members. However, it seems that the application will proceed and if there are any problems with English Heritage they will be dealt with by due process later. We have heard that the objection may possibly relate in some way to the proposed lift. The next Project Board Meeting is planned for end-November and we will endeavour to ensure that a representative of the Society attends.

Graffiti

Charles had e-mailed a report of graffiti on the railway bridge to the Council and was pleased to get a response and to be able to advise us that it had been removed within 10 days. This is a definite improvement on previous efforts he had made. The Society's last outing was very successful and had included trimming ground growth from some of the street trees and clearing litter as well as graffiti removal.

Our next outing is on 26 November and we will meet as usual outside 64 Effingham Road – all volunteers greatly appreciated.

Meridian Magazine

We are very pleased and proud to see that this month's magazine includes an article about local Conservation Areas by Dudley Gilham, a Director of John Payne. The article includes a very complimentary reference to the Society and its achievements with particular reference to the ice house, our graffiti busting efforts and the saving of the vicarage in Handen Road.

Many thanks to Charles for hosting the meeting.

Volunteers for hosting future meetings would be much appreciated.