



KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(To be approved at the 2025 Annual General Meeting)

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7:30pm on Friday the 26th of April 2024
at Keston Village Hall, Heathfield Road.

MINUTES

1. The Vice-Chairman gave the opening remarks with apologies from the Chairman Shelley Sturdy. Peter Zieminski welcomed everybody including our three Councillors Alexa Michael, Thomas Turrell and Josh Coldspring-White.
2. Minutes of the AGM held on the 28th of April 2023 – Agreed.
3. Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.
4. Adoption of Chairman's Report - Agreed.
5. Adoption of Treasurer's Report - Agreed.
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members
The officers and committee members are:

Chairman	Shelley Sturdy
Vice-Chairman	Peter Zieminski
Treasurer	Hilary Ryder
Secretary	Kimball Ormond
Planning & APCA	John Algar
Social	John Whiltshire and Gail Spencer
Biggin Hill	Vivien Haskey and Jim Woolcott
Road Safety	Paul Spencer

All elected.

7. Guest Speakers:
Mr Colin Hitchins, the Head of Sustainability, Biggin Hill Airport Limited and Mr Matthew Amer, Head of Public Affairs and Community Engagement, Biggin Hill Airport Limited gave a presentation on the Airport's operations and its impact on Keston. Mr Hitchins talked in detail about flights through the Keston Noise Sensitive Area (NSA), sustainability, noise reduction and pollution monitoring. A lively discussion followed with robust questioning from residents concerned about the number of low flying aircraft, complaint reporting follow-up responses and early/late aircraft movements, and helicopter noise. Residents



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expressed concern that the boundaries of the Keston NSA, as shown on the Airport's WebTrak monitoring system, excluded many of the roads that are in the Village and therefore the Keston NSA needed to be revised if it was to be used in any plans by the Airport to reduce incursions and noise.

9. AOB

The application for the expansion of the Traveller's Site, at 148 Croydon Road was, again, causing concern. Ms Chrissy Owen asked what the status of planning permission was. Cllr Michael said that the application had been "*called in*" for examination. It was noted that no date had been set for this to be examined by the Council and that no apparent progress had been made on this since last year's AGM. Cllr Michael said that the Council was waiting for more information but didn't state what further information was awaited. Residents voiced their considerable dissatisfaction at the lack of progress on this issue giving examples of how further apparent expansion had taken place since last year's AGM without any consent in place.