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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on Wednesday 8 February 2012
At: 12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9pm. Nibbles afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 11 January 2012 at 66 Effingham Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Faye Carney, Dan Griffin, Elizabeth Caulfield, Veronica Simmons, Patti Byford, Sukie Picarda, Steve Griffiths, Anita Whitfield, Sue Byford and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Andrea Breugelmanns, Jim Mallory, Judy Cole and Lorraine Burton (Treasurer).

Progress on discussion of controlled parking zones (CPZs)

The sub-committee set up by the ward assembly held a fourth meeting to finalise the document that will be put to the next assembly on Tuesday, February 7. A number of small changes were made and the wording was strengthened in a couple of places. The document may be modified further by the assembly and it will then go the Mayor and Council for their response. As noted in last month's minutes, we are calling for the introduction of shorter parking bans – of two hours around lunchtime – and for a review of the very high level of charges. We do not believe that the council's financial arguments for the present level of charges stand up to scrutiny. In total there are ten recommendations. The proposed document can be viewed on our [website](#). If the council accepts our suggestions, all well and good. If not, we will have to bring pressure to bear through local publicity to arouse voter interest. Parking arrangements and charges have become a sensitive issue throughout London. Westminster was recently obliged to back down over its proposals for night time and weekend charges in the West End.

Planning Matters:

Emmanuel Pentecostal Church

We have written again to the planning department to strengthen our earlier call for the almshouses to be listed. The planners have agreed to put this proposal to the mayor and cabinet in February but it is unclear what the impact of a local listing would be. It does offer additional protection but the almshouses could still have been demolished. We have now written to the planners to call for the almshouses to be retained in any redevelopment of the site. This would involve concentrating any new build at the back of the site and would severely constrain the church and its architects in their plans. There is no certainty that we will obtain a local listing or that we can stop the damaging and excessive redevelopment that

is proposed but we do intend to argue strongly that any work should respect the historic character of this prominent and sensitive site.

Northbrook Public House A application has been made to demolish the existing rear extension and construct a replacement which will be slightly larger and will include a kitchen. Bearing in mind the bad state of the existing extension we can see no objection to the proposal and we support it. Charles noted that there is no mention of the 'local listing' of the building in the application and will write to the Council to remind them.

Street Bench Update

We have asked Lewisham Homes to confirm the requirements for us to secure use of the site, whether or not Planning Permission is required for the installation, and who will issue the appropriate authority for use and installation. Ralph and Sylvia are also arranging to visit the supplier Riverwood to meet their employees and also to check whether or not they will be able to install the bench.

We would like to thank Faye and Steve for hosting the meeting