

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting and Public Meeting
Bridge House, 7.30pm to 9.00pm Monday, 12 November 2007

PRESENT:

Invited Speakers: Stephen Cornford, Director, Potters Fields Park Management Trust;
Lead Councillor Nick Stanton;
Councillor Eliza Mann.

Core Group: Anna Hollingsworth, Michael Church, Jilly Frisch, Julian Griffiths, Anne Lynn,
Nick Napier, Michael Place, Penelope Tay, Pat Varney

Local Residents: 58 local residents

Julian Griffiths, Chair, STRA welcomed everyone, asked those interested to join the STRA Network, either by signing-up at the meeting, or via the website, www.shadthames.org or to join the STRA Core Group. He also asked the meeting to adopt the amended STRA Constitution, which was done.

Nick Stanton, Lead Councillor, spoke about recent developments on the Coach Park, mentioning the covenant on the land that restricted use to housing, and Southwark's wish to also include some sort of iconic building, he said that discussions are ongoing with Berkeley Homes and that he was not currently in a position to talk about the discussions in any depth. He said that anyone present was most welcome to contact him at nicholas.stanton@southwark.gov.uk about the issue.

Eliza Mann, Councillor, said that she has worked closely with local individuals and with local residents' associations for some time, and was always willing to represent local interests if asked to do so. She was asked whether it would be possible to adjust/extend the hours of local Community Support Officers to cover the times when licensed premises closed, as in most cases people just needed to be reminded that Shad Thames is a residential area – she said this would have to be looked at.

Stephen Cornford, Director, Potters Fields Park Management Trust, outlined achievements, disappointments and future developments related to the Park. One of the challenges was keeping the stonework clean, another was to develop the garden in spite of a bad start with the planting – ie plants too small, and planting during a very hot period, etc. Investigations were underway to develop a recycling unit, and to install low voltage lighting for the park. The kiosks had been taken over by Amano and hopefully would be open before Christmas. A Christmas Fair would be on the park from end November to just before Xmas. He said he was hoping to be closely involved with the local community.