

**WALWORTH SOCIETY MEETING**  
**8.15pm – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 by Zoom**

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS.**

**Attendees:** Jeremy Leach (chair), Shelagh Kavanagh (minutes), Julia Honess, Peta Steel, Tracy Crossfield, Neil Crossfield, Lise Magnollay, Abby Crisostomo Burton, Aaron Crisostomo Burton, Amanda Sewell, Jim Beedell, Christine Tan, Vincent Brown, John Whelan Tyrone Landau, James Hatts.

There were no apologies.

**2. Minutes of 16th July meeting and matters arising.**

- a. Rising Sun PH – the planning application to replace pub with flats has been refused.
- b. Nat West Bank 290 Walworth Road. This application has also been refused. JL thanked Diana Cochrane and Marek Drewicz who worked so hard on WS response, as well as large number of people (more than 30) who objected. The grounds for refusal were very strong. See details officers report and reasons for refusal at 20/AP/1169. It is highly likely the developers will appeal. JB asked if WS will be represented at the planning appeal and JL replied that as application was only refused 6 days ago, we are not at point where we know if the planning inspector will have a public meeting or stipulate written representations.
- c. 292B Walworth Rd (Tree in front of restaurant) (20/AP/1213)- application is still under consideration according to website.

**3. Walworth Town Hall Redevelopment (20/AP/1649 &1634)- Update**

Walworth Society has prepared its objections and comments on this application but we await confirmation of covenants and guarantees which will pertain to the areas of public access continues in the building in relation to which there are two principal issues:

- a. The community space (ground floor of former Newington library building) which will be covered by the lease.
- b. Other public areas such the café which will be covered by the Section 106 agreement.

Southwark Council have supplied some wording about the protection of the community space and WS is taking advice about the quality of the guarantees that are contained in that wording. It is understood that the Heads of Terms of the Section 106 agreement will be made public in September.

**4. Virtually Walworth – Update and forthcoming events**

JH recapped the events to date. The most recent was Walworth Stories which was attended by lots of people online who shared stories and memories of Walworth. Some stories will be expanded and acted by members of People's Company on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm on Zoom.

AS shared story of her great grandfather who lived in Wansey St and had a fruit and veg business opposite the old town hall. JH will contact her to interview her for the project. PS said that she had just completed an obituary of Tony Merrick who was one of five TGWU shop stewards imprisoned in Pentonville Prison, the Pentonville Five, under the Heath government for secondary picketing. He was from Elephant and Castle and another interesting story of the area.

JW said that it is not too late to add any more stories into the event on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, and that actors are in contact with the people whose stories they are telling.

JL said that DC and NC are starting to plan a new book about the history of Walworth.

NC said that is working with a number of other people about the imminent anniversary of St Peters Church (built 1823)

#### **5. Protecting Local Pubs.**

- a. Rising Sun PH – following the refusal of planning more work was needed to gain greater protection for the pub.
- b. The Beehive PH Asset of Community Value application. As the ACV expires in September, WS has submitted an application for another ACV to continue the protection that it currently has.

#### **6. Walworth Healthy Streets – Update**

JB raised the issue that there is opposition to the changes as has appeared in Southwark News and asked if WS was inputting to this. JL said that the society as not taking a position, but that each of us can of course respond as we wish. The WS role is to keep people informed.

#### **7. AOB**

JB raised issue of planning application for hotel on Rodney Rd. JL said he will have conversation on this with JB.  
AS raised issue that her flat is opposite the proposed development and also near a planned development of a 5-storey building that will be council flats which could cause disruption. JL confirmed that the 5-storey building will be council not private

**Date of next general WS meeting: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm on Zoom**