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Mrs L Marsh,  
The Secretary of the former committee,  
Ponders End & District Smallholders Association Ltd,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

13<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Mrs Marsh of the former Committee,

Following a series of meetings with Linda Marsh, Sean Bolton, Colin Corbett and Mr Mandra (Accountant)) over the past week it has become abundantly clear that pockets of information are being withheld from the Interim Supervisory Board as we attempt to investigate the entire indebtedness of this Association.

We would like to remind you that the Interim Supervisory Board is in place due to the fiduciary negligence of the committee of management who were in charge during 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

It is fair to say at this early stage of our investigation that the former committee of management lacked the requisite leadership skills one would expect to manage the diverse operations within PEDSA.

For the past 8 years certain members have been re-elected and due to this process they have maintained control over the finances and the running of the site without scrutiny by other members.

Unfortunately all the Associate and Plot holder members of this Association due to either ignorance or apathy have allowed this bad practice to continue by not taking proactive steps at the AGM.

However, for those candidates over the years who wanted to effect change, they soon came to realise that the interaction between the old and newly elected members of the committee did not encourage active participation, this stunted their ability to make any positive impact.

It is evident that there is a strong desire by the former committee to maintain control of the clubhouse. But let us all be clear on this. The financial problems that this Association faces at this time are directly related to the operation of the clubhouse.

The plot holders feel deeply upset by this discovery, because they are not only concerned about the rent being paid but whether this Association will be wound up due to creditors chasing for their money.

As the Interim Supervisory Board have not yet been given a comprehensive account of the financial state of PEDSA we can only guesstimate that we have debts in excess of £30,000 and cash funds including fundraising income of £4,000.

There are serious legal ramifications that can be made against each former committee member pursuant under the Companies Act 2006.

It is with the utmost urgency that the Interim Supervisory Board requests that an emergency recovery plan is put in place with immediate effect.

You are instructed to arrange a meeting between yourselves and all those who do not attend will be expelled from this Association and legal prosecution may be taken against you.

We want to see a report showing the inflow of funds from various sources and a payment plan of how the Association debts will be paid.

A plot holders report relating to the fees for 2017 will be our responsibility. We will produce a 2017 plan for the trading hut and for that you will provide a list of outstanding bills relating to the hut. The deadline is Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 5pm.

You have received this letter because you were a member of the committee during 2015/2016. If this is not the case please notify us so that our records can be amended. Any correspondence relating to these matters must be sent to:

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Yours faithfully



Interim Supervisory Board Member



Interim Supervisory Board Member

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PLOT HOLDERS FEES FOR 2017

Dear Plotholders

THIS IS THE COMPREHENSIVE PRICE LIST FOR PLOT HOLDERS FEES FROM 1ST OF JANUARY 2017. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE TRADING HUT.

IT APPEARS THAT IN 2016 THE FEES PAID BY PLOT HOLDERS WERE NOT CONSISTENT SOME PEOPLE WERE CHARGED LESS THAN OTHERS. TO STOP THIS UNFAIRNESS TO CONTINUE PLEASE REFER TO THE PAYMENT CHART BELOW.

<u>SIZE OF PLOTS</u>		<u>STANDARD RATE</u>	<u>OAP RATE</u>
12 POLES	OVER SIZE PLOT	£73.00	£40.60
11 POLES	OVER SIZE PLOT	£67.00	£37.30
10 POLES	FULL PLOT	£61.00	£34.00
9 POLES	FULL PLOT	£55.00	£30.70
8 POLES	FULL PLOT	£49.00	£27.40
7 POLES	FULL PLOT	£43.00	£24.10
6 POLES	FULL PLOT	£37.00	£20.80
5 POLES	HALF PLOT	£31.00	£17.50
4 POLES	HALF PLOT	£25.00	£14.20
3 POLES	SMALL PLOT	£19.00	£10.90
2 POLES	SMALL PLOT	£13.00	£7.60

TO QUALIFY FOR AN OAP DISCOUNT ON ONE OF YOUR PLOTS YOU MUST BE OF A PENSIONABLE AGE ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY THE DISCOUNTED RATE IS ONLY APPLICABLE TO ONE PLOT PER MEMBER.

MINIMUM AGE

MALE	65 YEARS OLD
FEMALE	60 YEARS OLD

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR 2017

ALL PLOT HOLDERS MUST PAY THEIR FEES BY 31ST JANUARY TO EITHER VIVIENNE, LAURIE, WINSTON AND FAYE

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAN ONLY BE VALIDATED IF THE CORRECT FEE IS PAID ONLY TO THESE MEMBERS.

DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED INTO PAYING YOUR FEES TO ANYONE ELSE IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

A NEW MEMBERS REGISTER WILL BE CREATED AS THE OLD ONE IS STILL WITH THE FORMER COMMITTEE DESPITE OUR REQUEST TO HAVE IT HANDED OVER TO US. SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD

A BUDGET REPORT ON HOW YOUR FEES WILL BE USED IS ON DISPLAY TO YOU UPON REQUEST.

Interim Supervisory Board  
Nov 2017

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WE MUST SAVE OURSELVES FROM HAVING OUR  
FEES TAKEN WITHOUT AN  
EXPLANATION REGARDING OUR FINANCIAL  
POSITION

WE NEED TO KNOW IF THIS ASSOCIATION HAS  
SUFFICIENT MONEY TO PAY ITS ESTIMATED  
DEBTS OF 30,000.

WE NEED TO KNOW IF WE ARE STILL REGISTERED  
WITH THE FCA

IF NOT WE NEED A LETTER FROM ALL OUR  
CREDITORS TO SAY THAT PLOT HOLDERS  
WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED FOR THE DEBTS OF  
THE ASSOCIATION

THIS IS WHY WE ARE PROTECTING OUR FEES  
BEFORE IT IS TAKEN FROM US

THIS IS NOT AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST  
IT IS YOUR RIGHT AS MEMBERS

PLEASE PAY YOUR FEES TO THE NOMINATED PLOT  
HOLDERS UNTIL WE ARE SATISFIED WITH A  
RESPONSE

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**Ponders End & District Smallholders  
Association Limited**  
V.A.T. Registration 221-2134-30  
Registered No. 7647 R Middlesex  
Registered Office: Falcon Fields, Church Road, Enfield, EN3 4NX  
Phone: 0208 805 0215

Dear Members

We would firstly like to take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year, farewell to 2016 and welcome to 2017.









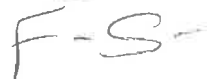



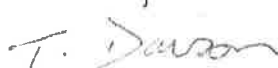

As you will all be aware your subs are now due and you have until 31st January 2017 to pay. A reminder that your subs must be paid in the clubhouse to a member of the management committee, preferably on a Saturday or Sunday morning between 1000 and 1300.

Should you not pay your subs within 3 months of the due date you will become a lapse member and will lose all rights as a member.

We are aware that there was not a members meeting in 2016. To alleviate any concerns it is our full intention to hold just such a meeting as soon as we are able to call one. The reason for the delay is that our full accounts are currently being finalised by our accountant and once this is done we will call a meeting giving the requisite notice and signs will be placed in prominent positions around the site to advise you of the same. We are not in a position to hold such a meeting until the accounts are finalised.

In the meantime please do not hand any monies over to any person other than as stated above and if you have any concerns please feel free to raise them with a member of the committee.

The Management Committee

	
AM Powell	AM Powell
	
J. Page	J. Page
	
D. Bannard	D. Bannard
	
C. Corbett	C. Corbett
	
F. S.	L. Marsh
	
L. Marsh	L. Marsh
	
T. Dawson	T. Dawson

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Dear all plot holders ad association members,

We are aware that a group of individuals are purporting to have the authority to carry out the duties of the management committee, calling themselves an 'interim supervisory board'.

As far as the management committee are concerned this group have no such authority. The management committee are currently seeking advice on this matter but in the meantime all management matters should be referred to a member of the committee and importantly no monies whatsoever should be handed over to any person other than a member of the committee. Should any such instance occur please report it to a member of the committee immediately so that appropriate action can be taken

If you are in any doubt as to who your committee members are then please see the board in the clubhouse.

The Committee.

A. Powell - A POWELL  
T. Dawson - T. DAWSON  
A. Kemp - A. KEMP  
C. Corbett - C. CORBETT  
L. Marsh - L. MARSH  
M. Swords - M. SWORDS

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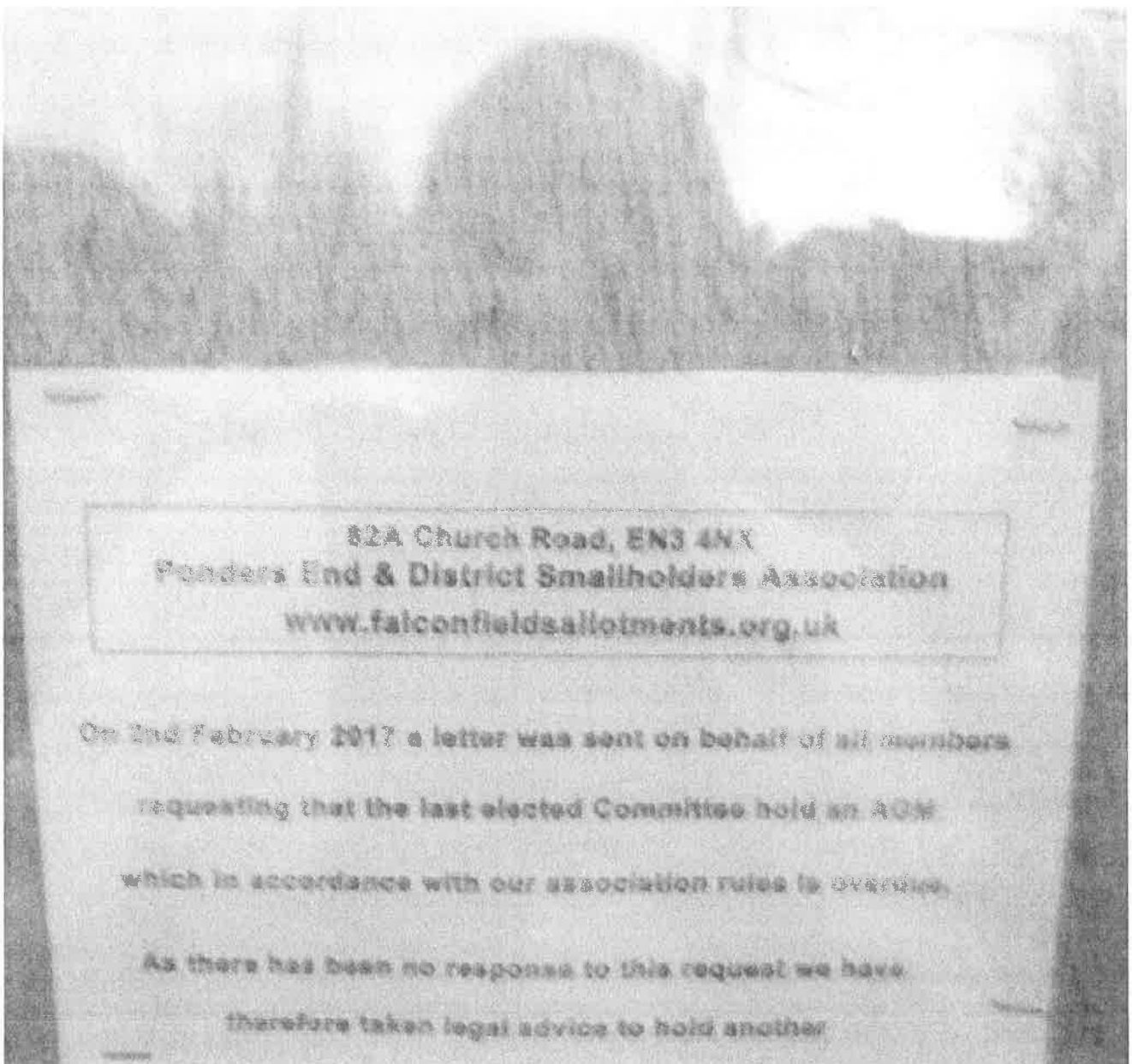
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To: [REDACTED]

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Special General Meeting, this time, to elect a new Committee.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS ATTEND

THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

ON SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017

4PM SHARP

THE QUIBE

264-214 HIGH ST, FONDERS END

EN3 4ET

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO WITH YOU

NOTE FOR OUR NEW COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: 21 Apr 2017, 16:45:37  
To: [REDACTED]

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Wednesday 8 March 2017

At the Special General Meeting held on 4 March 2017 a new committee of management was elected.

The new committee have started discussions with Enfield Council regarding the lease of the site, the collection and payment of rents.

As soon as we have more information all members will be notified.

At the new committee, date and time

All fees will be payable to members of the new  
to be arranged.

New Committee members

Winston Binn

Valerie Nicholas

Leslie Bradford

Charles Benjamin

Maurice Andrew-Moore

Claude Fraser

Dill Hayler

Jan Singh

Paul Powell

Paul Taylor

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**Ponders End & District Smallholders Association**

VAT Reg 221-2134-30  
Reg No. 7647 R Middlesex  
82A Church Road,  
ENFIELD,  
EN3 4NU

Ms T Dawson  
[REDACTED]

11th March 2017

Dear Ms T Dawson

At the Special General Meeting on 4 March 2017 a new committee was elected by the members of PEDSA.

We would like to start out by thanking you for your support as a committee member.

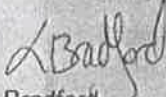
Please take note that you are no longer a committee member of the Association and as such you are no longer entitled to collect any fees from members or receive cash or cheques in relation to the Association.

Any money collected in respect of the member's fees for 2017 should be passed to the new committee and accounted for at the clubhouse on Friday 17 March 2017 at 10.30 am in the presence of an independent observer.

In addition we require that you hand over the items listed below to the new committee.

- Any keys held for the buildings and porta-cabins, and any documents, records or books pertaining to the Association.

Yours sincerely,

  
L Bradford

Secretary

PEDSA

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THE BUSINESS SUPPORT GROUP

PONDERS END & DISTRICT SMALLHOLDERS ASSOCIATION  
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

AGENDA

- A. Welcome and apologies for absence
- B. Agree appointment of independent, non-voting, Chair for this meeting
- C. Consideration and voting upon the proposed Rule amendments and additions listed in the 'Resolutions' document:
  - 1. Non-gendered amendment
  - 2. Section VIII (General Meetings) Rule 24 amendments
    - a. Line 9
    - b. Lines 3, 4 & 5
 Election of Officers as defined in parts i. to x, inclusive
    - c. Committee temporary replacements
    - d. Committee role functions
    - e. Co-options
  - 3. Section VIII (General Meetings) Rule 26 amendments
  - 4. Section X (Officers) Rules 29 & 31 deletions
  - 5. New Section XXII (Employees): clauses a, b & c
- D. Close of formal meeting
- E. Informal discussion - open to all members

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**PONDERS END & DISTRICT SMALLHOLDERS ASSOCIATION  
ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICERS 04/03/17  
DECLARATION OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE**

**CHAIR**

<b>Winston BINNS (E)</b>	<b>57</b>

**SECRETARY**

<b>Laurie BRADFORD (E)</b>	<b>60</b>

**TREASURER**

<b>Vivienne NICHOLAS (E)</b>	<b>61</b>

**OPERATIONS CO-ORDINATOR**

<b>Jim SINGH (E)</b>	<b>54</b>

**EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR**

<b>Ted POWELL (E)</b>	<b>55</b>

**FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR**

<b>Claude FRASER (E)</b>	<b>57</b>

**VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR**

<b>Charles BENJAMIN (E)</b>	<b>57</b>

**GROUND STEWARD**

<b>Bill HAYDES (E)</b>	<b>55</b>

**TRADING HUT STEWARD**

<b>Liseby HECTOR (E)</b>	<b>54</b>

**ASSISTANT TO THE COMMITTEE**

<b>Neil JUGLAUL</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Monique ANDREW-VASSELL (E)</b>	<b>38</b>

**ELECTED CANDIDATES HAVE THE  
LETTER 'E' SHOWN AFTER THEIR  
NAME**



(SGM Independent Chair and Returning Officer)

Sir Henry Boyle – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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Re: Ponders End and District Smallholders Association Limited

ADVICE

Instructions

1. I am instructed on a Direct Public Access basis by Joanne Outhwaite to advise on problems concerning the management of the Ponders End and District Smallholders Association Limited ("the Society").
2. I have been provided with:
  - 'Overview' of events
  - Society's Rule Book
  - Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from Enfield Council
  - Miscellaneous further emails with additional information
3. I am principally asked to advise on the legitimacy of a Special General Meeting convened on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 which purported to appoint new management committee officers.

Initial observations

4. The Society, which will have originally been established under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965, will have automatically become a 'registered society' under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014. This is an extensive piece of legislation which regulates most aspects of the Society's affairs, although fundamentally, it recognises that a registered society's rules will bind the society and all its members (s 15(1)).
5. There is no doubt, from a cursory read of the Society's Rule Book, that the rules of the Society are outdated and fairly imprecise, and should, ideally, have been amended and updated from time to time to reflect the current business and operation of the Society (subject to registration of the amendments with the FCA under s 16). They could also have done with being a little more explicit in anticipating the kind of problems which have arisen.

6. Unfortunately, the 2014 Act does not stipulate a 'default' position in the event of a breakdown in the rules. What it does do is to confirm that a 'relevant dispute' (defined in s 137(2) as a dispute between a registered society or an officer of a registered society and a member or former member or a person claiming through a member or former member or a person claiming under the society's rules) is to be determined in accordance with the rules, and in default upon determination by the county court (see ss 137-140). There are also other provisions which enable the FCA to appoint inspectors to examine into and report on the society's affairs, or to call a special meeting of the society (s 106). So, subject to these provisions, the starting point is usually to look at the rules and see what they provide.

### **The Society's rules**

7. Much of the day to day management is devolved to a 'Committee' which appears to be identified in rule 24 as a 'Committee of Management' (although the use of defined expressions could ideally do with being tightened up – the references in the rules to the 'Committee' appears to be used interchangeably for the 'Committee of Management', but used in contradistinction from the 'Committee of Management of Club House' in rule 26).
8. Apart from the initial applicants for registration, members are admitted by the Committee (rule 8) and cease to be members in accordance with rule 9(ii), which includes expulsion by a Special General Meeting under rule 10, or non-payment of subscriptions for more than 3 months after it has become due and notice has been given.
9. Meetings, including the appointment of the Committee, are dealt with in Part VIII of the rules.
10. The business of the Society is conducted at General Meetings, which comprise the Annual General Meeting (at which the audited accounts are to be submitted and the officers for the ensuing year elected); Ordinary General Meetings; and Special General Meetings (rules 19, 20). The AGM and OGMs are to be held at such times as the Committee or a General Meeting shall determine (rule 19). SGMs are to be held at such times as the Committee or a General Meeting may determine and shall be held upon the requisition in writing of at least five members (rule 20). At least seven days' notice of a General Meeting has to be given (rule 21). Voting is one member: one vote (with an exception that non-tenant members cannot vote on questions affecting tenant members) (rule 22). The quorum, unless otherwise determined at a previous General Meeting, consists of five members (rule 23).
11. The business of the Society is then devolved to the Committee (of Management) which is elected at the AGM – this deals with the number of members on the Committee, the qualifications of the Committee members, their order of retirement, eligibility for re-election, and how casual vacancies are to be filled. There are to be a minimum of five and a maximum of ten Committee members who shall have been members of the Society for not less than two years, and who are required to retire and can offer themselves for re-election at each AGM. The rule goes on to stipulate how vacancies can be filled (rule 24).
12. There are then further rules about Committee Meetings and the Committee of Management of the Club House (rules 25-29).
13. Part X of the rules deals with the officers of the Committee and how they are appointed. It makes specific provision for the appointment by the AGM of a Chairman and an Auditor for one year (rules 29, 30). Although rule 31 goes on to deal with 'other officers', it simply stipulates that the Committee shall appoint and may remove a Secretary and such other officers as they may deem necessary, this is in slight conflict with rule 19 which stipulates that the officers (of the Committee) for the ensuing year are appointed at AGM.



## Consequence of no AGM

14. I am instructed that the AGM, which was last held in October 2015, was not held in October 2016 because of delays in preparing accounts. The immediate consequence in terms of the appointment of officers is not absolutely clear. On the face of it, it could be argued that the appointment of the Chairman lapses because in terms he only holds office for one year (rule 29). The Auditor is to be appointed each year by the AGM (rule 30) and the (other) Committee members are to retire at each AGM (rule 24), which suggest that their appointments only last for a year, although the contrary argument (which is probably a little stronger) is that in default of holding an AGM, the appointments continue.

## Validity of subsequent General Meetings

15. I am instructed that there was an attempt to convene a Special General Meeting by letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which was addressed to 'The Committee', and bearing five signatures purportedly from members of the Society. The Committee did not act upon this. They took the view that the Meeting had not been properly requisitioned because they could not discern the names of the members. Although I am told the Meeting went ahead and an 'interim supervisory board' was elected, this appears to have been overtaken by a further requisition for a Special General Meeting by letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 (not seen) bearing the names of six signatories from members whose subscriptions had not been paid (although under rule 9(ii)(d) membership of a non-subscribing member would not cease until 3 months' default and notice has been given). This led to a Meeting which took place on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 which apparently elected a new Committee. This is the meeting referred to in Enfield Council's letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

16. The position in respect of these meetings is that under the rules, it is open to at least five members to requisition a Special General Meeting (rule 20) upon giving at least seven days' notice. However, it is not open even to a properly requisitioned Special General Meeting which is quorate under the rules to appoint (new) officers or a (new) Committee. This can only be done at AGM under rules 19 and 24, although it would have been open to a SGM (or a properly constituted Committee) to determine to hold an AGM (rule 19). As far as I can see, this has not been done, so the short answer to Enfield Council's letter is probably:

- (1) That the recent SGM (even if properly requisitioned and quorate under the rules) could not appoint (new) officers or a (new) Committee; and that
- (2) Properly interpreted, the rules do not provide for lapse in appointments otherwise than by election at an AGM.
- (3) Which means that the officers and Committee appointed at AGM on October 2015 remain in office, and that the recent appointments have no legitimacy.

## Resolution going forward

17. The big problem in resolving the present problems going forward (leaving aside the cost/benefit issue of taking further (legal) steps to obtain advice and deal with the issues) is that at the moment, the Society (a) has not been operating properly, and (b) is clearly fractured, with consequential uncertainty about who has control, and what members should do. It seems to me therefore that the main issue is not necessarily whether the recently convened SGM had any legitimacy to appoint a new Committee, but how the dispute can be resolved?

18. The rules provide a limited answer, by providing for any dispute between the Society and its officers and members to be submitted to arbitration (which is to be conducted under the Arbitration Act 1996). It

resolution, engaging an independent body (possibly Enfield Council) to 'mediate' a resolution. Failing this, or a formal arbitration, the only other options under the 2014 Act are either to invite an FCA inspection or meeting (s 106) or consider a referral for determination of the dispute to the County Court (s 138 etc). In the circumstances, I think the only sensible course is to engage in third party 'mediation' or refer to arbitration under r 42, but I think in each case it is important to know what the 'issues' or 'differences' are and ideally be in a position to propose solutions which will enjoy the support of the majority of members, otherwise, the only long-term solution may be dissolution and the establishment of new and separate societies.



KINGS  
CHAMBERS

Nigel Clayton TEP 21 March 2017  
Barrister Chancery & Commercial Law

Kings Chambers  
Manchester Leeds Birmingham  
[nclayton@kingschambers.com](mailto:nclayton@kingschambers.com)



NIGEL CLAYTON

**Re: Ponders End and District Smallholders Association  
Limited**

**ADVICE**

Astwood Bank  
Redditch  
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## Ponders End & District Smallholders Association

VAT Reg 221-2134-30  
Reg No. 7647 R Middlesex  
82A Church Road,  
ENFIELD,  
EN3 4NU

Mr Lewis Corbett

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

28 March 2017

Dear Mr L Corbett,

The new Committee elected on the 4 March 2017 formally request a copy of your employment contract together with wage slips for the last 24 months.

We also require validation of the hours you worked for this period.

This information should be sent to [REDACTED] by 6 p.m.  
Thursday 30 March 2017.

Yours sincerely

*L Bradford*  
L Bradford

Secretary

PEDSA

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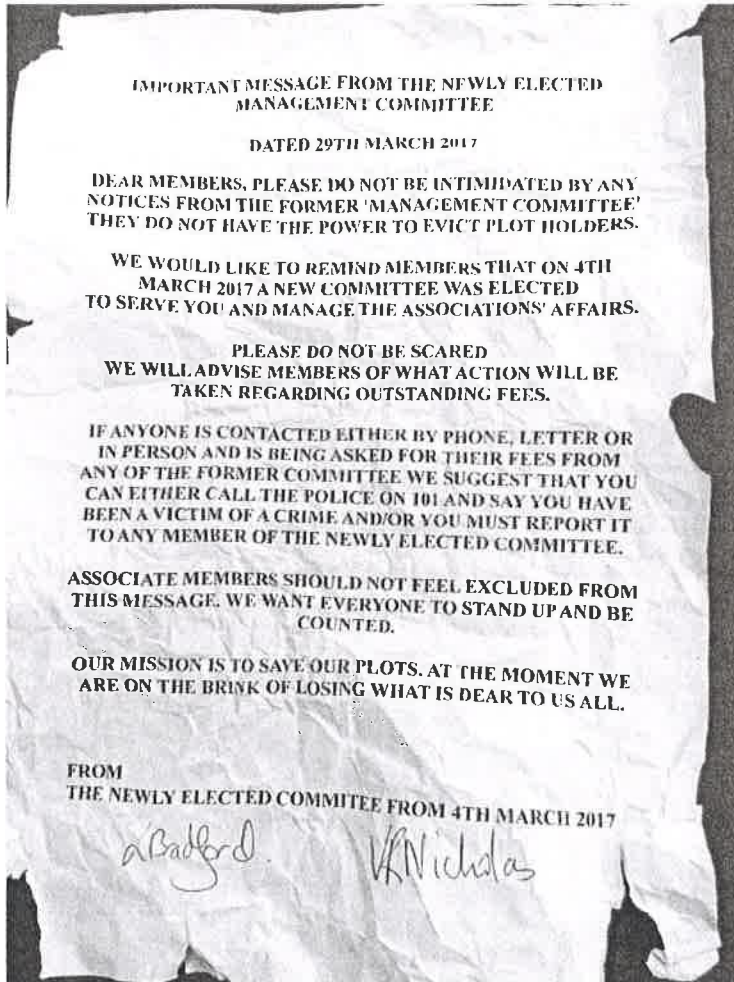
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- CLC
- Forever
- insurance
- School

Re:

LC [REDACTED]

Wed 29/03, 20:50  
You

Flag for follow up. Start by 21 April 2017. Due by 21 April 2017.



Take  
time to  
be a  
**dad**  
today.

fatherhood.gov

Upgrade to ad-free version

This was the notice they stuck on the main gate into the allotments. Dad screwed it up without thinking.

Sent from my iPad

On 29 Mar 2017, at 17:27, [REDACTED] wrote:

They have got an absolute cheek! I would say don't respond, as far as we are concerned they have no right to that information

Jo

Sent from my iPhone

On 29 Mar 2017, at 11:39, [REDACTED] wrote:

Upgrade to Premium



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**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

THIS IS A NOTICE TO CONFIRM THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF

PONDERS END AND DISTRICT SMALLHOLDERS ASSOCIATION LTD

WILL TAKE PLACE ON 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2017 AT 10.30am IN THE CLUBHOUSE

AT THIS MEETING, AMONGST OTHER BUSINESS, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE RE-ELECTED. A NOMINATION SHEET IS ON THE NOTICEBOARD IN THE CLUBHOUSE FOR THOSE THAT WISH TO PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THOSE PUTTING THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR POSITIONS ON THE COMMITTEE MUST HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR AT LEAST THE TWO YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE MEETING AND THOSE PUTTING THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR OFFICERS POSITIONS MUST HAVE ALSO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS.

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT, FULLY PAID UP MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TO STAND FOR COMMITTEE, PROPOSE A NOMINEE, SECOND A NOMINEE AND INDEED VOTE AT THIS MEETING.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING

THE NOMINATION SHEET WILL REMAIN ON THE NOTICEBOARD UNTIL SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT WHICH POINT IT WILL BE REMOVED AND NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUERIES WITH THE ABOVE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS THEM WITH A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Ponders End & District Smallholders Association

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Falcon Fields, 82A Church Road, ENFIELD, EN3 4NU

Email: [secretary@falconfieldsallotments.org.uk](mailto:secretary@falconfieldsallotments.org.uk) Tel: 07376 791 817

## LEGAL NOTICE

IT IS ALLEGED THAT MEMBERS OF THE EX-COMMITTEE ARE APPROACHING PLOT HOLDERS ASKING FOR MONEY FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES. THIS IS A SERIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENCE UNDER SECTIONS 2 & 3 OF THE FRAUD ACT 2006. IF YOU ARE APPROACHED, PLEASE DO NOT HAND OVER ANY MONEY BUT DO PLEASE CONTACT US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN INFORM THE METROPOLITAN POLICE. OUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE SHOWN ABOVE.

THE ONLY PEOPLE LEGALLY AUTHORISED TO COLLECT MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT WAS LEGALLY ELECTED AT THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AND WHICH HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY AND REGISTERED WITH THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY (THE LEGAL BODY THAT OVERSEES ASSOCIATIONS LIKE OURS).

PLEASE IGNORE ANY NOTICES ABOUT AN 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING' ON 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL AS THIS IS A SCAM DOCUMENT AND IS ILLEGAL.

*Winston Brown* - Chairman - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

We can confirm that the Annual General Meeting currently scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 is going to be postponed. The Committee have come to this decision having considered the matter very carefully and coming to the conclusion that this is the best way forward for our members. You will be aware that the Management Committee are currently in dispute with a group purporting to be the 'newly elected committee'. An Arbitrator from the National Allotment Society is now involved and it is at his request that we postpone the AGM. We hope to bring about resolution in the near future, with the assistance of the Arbitrator. In due course we will notify you all of when a meeting of the membership will take place and the issues that we will need to address. We hope that you will bear with us whilst we try our best to bring to an end the issues that we face and we will endeavour to keep you informed at all stages. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and in the meantime, as always, should you have any queries at all please feel free to contact the secretary Lin Marsh or a member of the Committee, all of whom are pictured on the noticeboard in the clubhouse.

The Management Committee

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## Ponders End & District Smallholders Association

VAT Reg 221-2134-30  
Reg No. 7647 R Middlesex  
82A Church Road,  
EN3 4NU



Mr Colin Corbett



19 April 2017

Dear Mr C Corbett,

Allegations have been made to the Committee that a series of events took place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017, where you chose to discriminate against certain members of this Association by refusing to serve them and in addition threatening them with expulsion from the clubhouse. The people concerned are paid up members of PEDSA and are entitled to use all the facilities of the Association. It is alleged that you are employed to serve in the clubhouse on behalf of the Association – although, despite several requests, neither you nor any member of the ex-Committee has been able to provide any documentation to confirm this – and therefore any matters relating to the operation of the clubhouse should be reported to the Committee.

There have been additional allegations made relating to your conduct within the clubhouse which have come to the attention of the Committee, specifically:

- Allowing materials to be displayed that misrepresent the Association: for example a notice purporting to advertise an 'AGM' to be held without the knowledge or permission of the Committee.
- Intimidating behaviour towards members and their guests.

Please respond in writing, by 6.00 pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017, with your explanation of the above mentioned allegations to: [REDACTED] or by e-mail to:



A letter was sent to you dated 11 March 2017 to invite you to a meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, to meet members of the Committee to discuss any concerns that you may have following the Special General Meeting election and to discuss the rule changes: we note that you chose not to attend.

The recently amended rules that have been registered with the FCA following the Special General Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 state that employees can no longer be a member of the Association and neither can they hold a position on the Committee, which we believe to be a generally accepted practice amongst privately managed clubs and similar types of societies. A copy is enclosed.

We still await a reply to the letter sent to you dated 28 March 2017 concerning your status.  
We now require you to respond by 6.00 pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Bradford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Laurie Bradford

Secretary

Encs.

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Re: Letters received 20/4/17

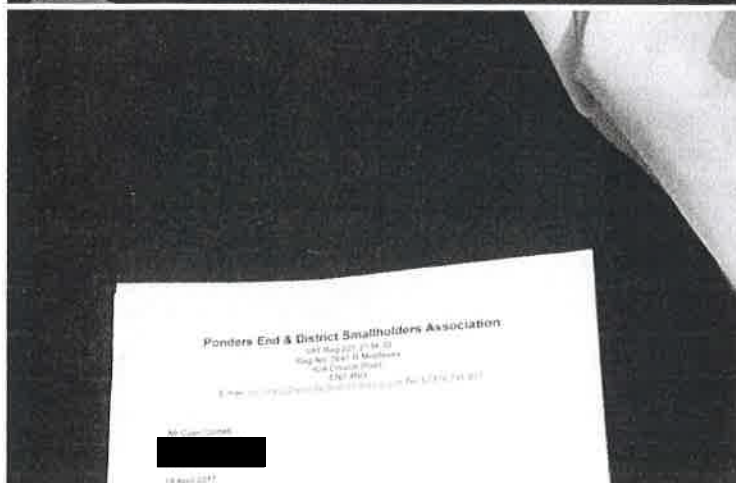
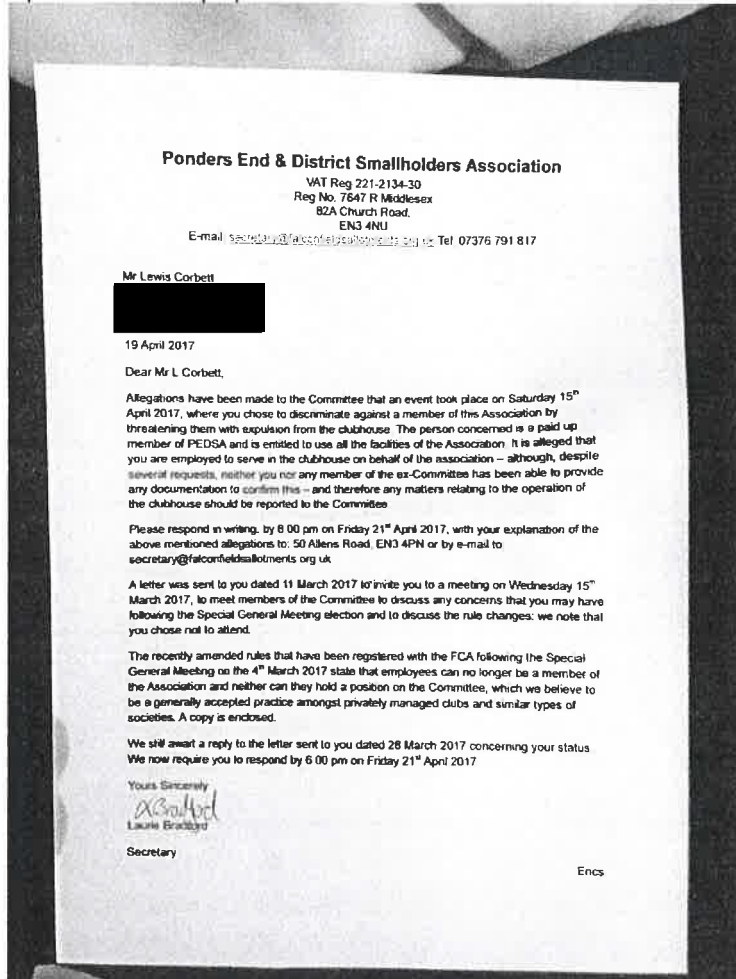
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Thu 20/04, 16:30

Reply

Hi all,

Myself and Colin received the enclosed letters today. They was hand delivered. They clearly haven't stopped their actions as they was told to do. Something we need to report to the relevant people?



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## **Ponders End & District Smallholders Association**

VAT Reg 221-2134-30  
Reg No. 7647 R Middlesex  
82A Church Road,  
EN3 4NU

Dear Mr Corbett,

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

Let it be noted that the reason for not conducting this meeting in private is because you have failed to respond to previous request of communications.

Allegations have been made to the newly elected committee that since Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April you have chosen to discriminate against certain members of this association by refusing to serve them and in addition threatening them with expulsion from the clubhouse without consulting the elected committee.

The people concerned are entitled to use all the facilities of the Association.

The committee considers your actions to have overstepped your duties as a Bar Steward. And there is reason to believe that you have unfairly sought to target plot holders.

This is a recorded VERBAL warning informing you that this practice of refusing to serve certain members without justifiable reasons is not acceptable.

Winston Binns  
Chair of PEDSA

Witnessed by



**Ponders End & District Smallholders Association Ltd**

**V.A.T. Registration 221-2134-30**

**Registered No. 7647 R Middlesex**

**Registered Office: Falcon Fields, Church Road, Enfield, EN3 4NX**

**Phone: 0208 805 0215**

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

THIS IS A NOTICE TO CONFIRM THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PONDERS END AND DISTRICT SMALLHOLDERS ASSOCIATION LTD WILL TAKE PLACE ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 AT 10.30AM IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

AT THIS MEETING, AMONGST OTHER BUSINESS, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED. A NOMINATION SHEET IS ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE CLUBHOUSE FOR THOSE THAT WISH TO PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THOSE PUTTING THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR POSITIONS ON THE COMMITTEE MUST HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE MEETING AND THOSE PUTTING THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR OFFICERS POSITIONS MUST HAVE ALSO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. YOU MUST BE A CURRENT, FULLY PAID UP MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TO STAND FOR COMMITTEE, PROPOSE A NOMINEE, SECOND A NOMINEE AND INDEED VOTE AT THIS MEETING.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING

THE NOMINATION SHEET WILL REMAIN ON THE NOTICE BOARD UNTIL 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2017 AT WHICH POINT IT WILL BE REMOVED AND NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUERIES WITH THE ABOVE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS THEM WITH A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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**Ponders End & District Smallholders Association**  
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We would like to clarify to the members that a recent announcement has been made declaring that an AGM is being planned for Sunday 11th June 2017. This meeting has not been called by the committee that was elected on 4th March 2017 therefore it is not legal.

May we remind members that Associate members cannot vote on matters relating to the plots, that includes the plot holder's membership.

We invite all members to come to a Special General Meeting to update you on the financial situation of the Association, how we move forward to save the Association and the future of the clubhouse.

It is important you attend.

**SATURDAY 10 June17**  
**3PM SHARP**  
**THE QUBE**  
**204 - 214 HIGH STREET, PONDERS END**  
**EN3 4EZ**

**Please bring your membership card**

**Dated 1 June 17**

**Committee: Winston Binns; Vivienne Nicholas; Laurie Bradford; Jim Singh; Ted Powell; Charles Benjamin; Claude Fraser; Liseby Hector; Bill Haydes; Monique Andrew-Vassell**

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 SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUERIES WITH THE ABOVE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS THEM WITH A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION

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**CHAIRMAN**

NOMINEE				PROPOSER				SECONDER			
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**SECRETARY**

NOMINEE				PROPOSER				SECONDER			
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L. Mars	200	LINDA MARS	<i>[Signature]</i>	B. ...	105	B. ...	<i>[Signature]</i>	T. Dawson	282	T. Dawson	<i>[Signature]</i>

**COMMITTEE**

NOMINEE				PROPOSER				SECONDER			
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FAO Colin Corbett  
Sammy.Harrington@met.pnn.police.uk (Sammy.Harrington@met.pnn.police.uk)  
To:

Mr Corbett,

Further to our recent telephone conversations I can confirm that recently Mr Hayd reported a matter to the police for which a report was made. That report was assigned to me to further investigate and, as I have informed you via the telephone it was decided by me that there was no case to investigate. As discussed, this matter was only brought to your attention by way of an administrative error whereby you were erroneously sent a letter in reference to Mr Hayd's initial report. Ordinarily you would not have been contacted once a decision had been made that no investigation into Mr Hayd's report. The report would have simply been closed which I can confirm has now happened.

Regards

Sammy

Police Constable - Sammy Harrington

Operation Falcon - Fraud And Linked Crime Online  
SC&O7 - Organised Crime Command

Telephone: 0208 345 3301

Fax: 0208 345 3331

Email: sammy.harrington@met.pnn.police.uk

Address: Edmonton Police Station, 462 Fore Street, N9 0PW

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## Witness Statement of Maria Swords

1. I, Maria Swords, of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], am making this statement as a witness to relevant issues to be determined by Enfield Licensing Sub-committee at a forthcoming review of the Club Premises Certificate held by Ponders End and District Smallholders Association Limited.
2. I am a member of the committee having been elected unopposed at the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017
3. I have been a member of the Association for a number of years.
4. I am aware of a number of difficulties that have been caused to the Association by a particular group of individuals in the effective running of the Association.
5. Of particular note is the following: around Halloween time of 2016 I attended the Clubhouse to assist with decorating the clubhouse for our celebrations. I got to the clubhouse and members of this particular group were gathered outside. I went to the side door to get into the clubhouse. I knocked on the door for Colin Corbett, who I was aware would be present, to let me in. He came to the door to open it but there was some wood blocking the door. I told Colin this and he asked me to move it and then he opened the door.
6. As Colin opened the door I was pushed in by Winston Binns and Vaughan Watson. They pushed me through the door and then pushed past Colin so that they could open the main door to let the others in.
7. When they were all in Bill Haydes came up to me and was very close to my face and called me names including a fucking lying bastard cunt. I was very angry at this.
8. Laurie Bradford and Vivienne Nicholas said that Bill should apologise to me but they were all shouting.
9. Colin Corbett managed to get them to leave the clubhouse.
10. On another occasion when we held our Christmas bazaar a number of their group attended and began to shout and holler all manner of things at us.
11. Children were present at the time and the whole situation upset the children who were frightened by the other groups behaviour. The police were called due to their behaviour
12. Another incident that I witnessed was on a Saturday morning. Monique Andrew-Vassell was at the clubhouse, outside. She had a board with her. She asked if I was babysitting my grand daughter, who I had with me, and I replied that I was.
13. I went into the Clubhouse where Lewis Corbett was present. I mentioned that Monique was outside with the board. Lewis then told me that Monique had come into the club to get some toilet tissue for the outside toilet and when Lewis went to get some for her she started to take up all the notices from the tables, roll them up and was going to throw them away.
14. Lewis told me that he has then asked her why she had done this and she said that what was on the papers was all lies.

15. Lewis then told me that he had told her not to come in and ask for anything else as he would not get it for her. She started to rant at him and went back outside. She then proceeded to sit on the wall outside. That is where I saw her when I arrived.
16. The next thing the police were there and she had made a complaint that Lewis had shouted at her and said that she wasn't allowed back in and threatened her. She started to cry in front of the police officer but prior to that she wasn't the least bit upset. Certainly when I saw her she was laughing and talking to a young girl, not upset at all.
17. The officer spoke to Lewis who advised the officer of what had happened. They did not deem it necessary to take any action whatsoever as far as I'm aware.
18. I believe the contents of this my statement to be true

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. J. Lewis', written over a horizontal line.

Dated 20/07/17