



# World's End Residents' Association

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## Minutes of a WERA Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2004 at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom

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<b>Present:</b>	Eryl Humphrey Jones (Chair)	Jules Montero (Secretary)
	Margaret Grayling (Treasurer)	Caroline Fairchild
	Marye Kenton	Kaz Gasior
	Helen Morris	Joy Laven
	Isabel Neves	John Rendall
	Brendan Kelly	

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### 1. Matter at Hand

JM explained the reason why the meeting had been called: following the recent incident on the King's Road EHJ had spoken to the Evening Standard, which had subsequently published an article containing some of EHJ's comments. Some committee members had taken offence at the article's contents. Upon learning of this EHJ had asked for the meeting to be called.

JM asked if everyone present had read the newspaper article in question. BK stated that he had not. JM asked for a copy of the article to be given to him to read.

A discussion followed during which committee members expressed their views as to whether EHJ had acted inappropriately or not. Some committee members agreed with the views that had been expressed in the article and felt that EHJ had acted correctly. Others disagreed with the views expressed in the article and/or the manner in which EHJ had acted.

It was noted that EHJ had been approached by the Evening Standard, she had not contacted the paper herself.

It was noted that the article contained a significant number of inaccuracies and that EHJ had been selectively quoted.

It was noted that EHJ had acted in contravention of the committee's protocols.

HM handed a letter from four ordinary WERA members to JM. JM read the letter out to the meeting. The letter expressed the four member's dissatisfaction with the content of the article in the Evening Standard and the manner in which the Chair of WERA (EHJ) had acted.

EHJ tendered her resignation as Chair of WERA.

A vote was taken. The vote was 8-3 against accepting EHJ's resignation.

Several committee members expressed their dissatisfaction with the result of the vote. HM stated that she would resign if EHJ remained in post. MK stated she would also seriously consider resigning.

EHJ stated that given the depth of feeling expressed that she felt she had no choice but to resign, as to do otherwise would prove divisive and damaging to the committee.

### Actions

EJH stepped down as Chair of WERA.

JM asked those committee members who had stated they would resign to reconsider their decisions. MK stated that she would remain on the board. HM said she would still have to consider her position, as she was still unhappy with the events that had transpired.

It was noted that during the meeting HM had raised the issue of the proposed zoning of the estate. HM had said that she had been told that it had been a member of the committee who had pointed out the issue with leaseholder access rights under the leases in use on the estate, and how the proposed zoning scheme would infringe on these rights, to the Council.

JM asked that the committee should consider electing a temporary chair at its next committee meeting (scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of May), and stated that a new Chair would be elected by the membership at the next AGM in any case.

The meeting then closed.

2. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next WERA meeting is the WERA Open Meeting scheduled to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, at 7.30pm in the WERA Clubroom.

The next WERA committee meeting is scheduled to take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom.

The meeting then closed

..... Chair