

# OWGRA

## OSTERLEY AND WYKE GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 2017/18 Committee held at Wycombe House on Tuesday 12 September 2017 at 7.15 pm

#### Present:

#### Committee Members:

Cliff Assi (CA)	Chairman
Gerry Stevens (GS)	Vice-Chairman (chaired meeting)
Barbara Stryjak (BS)	Secretary
Ian Speed (IS)	Treasurer
David Pavett (DP)	Webmaster
Cecilia Hodgson (CHo)	Communications Officer
Lis Guest (LG)	Street Rep Coordinator

#### Guests:

Colin Hume (CHu)	Street Rep
Ed Locke (EL)	Street Rep (minute taker)
Graham Catherall (GC)	Member

#### 1. Signing Financial Documents

Committee signatories signed various documents regarding the bank and building society accounts.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Tony Louki	Ward Councillor
Sheila O'Reilly	Ward Councillor
Paul Bains	Street Rep

#### 3. Minutes of 3rd Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2017

a) DP proposed and BS seconded, and the minutes were approved. GS signed them.

b) Action Points other than those completed or elsewhere on the agenda:

Cooperation with Isleworth and Syon School: DP has emailed John Doyle of the school staff.

Public Meeting Venues: GS clarified that at £100/hour for West Thames College, the costs were too high. Insurance was not required, but refreshments are not permitted in the hall.

Neighbourhood Watch: CA had not had the opportunity to convey appreciation to the Borough Commander regarding the good work done by PCSO Robert Miller. GS will do. **Action: GS**

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): CHo had suggested funds for ANPR systems for the two new schools, but was too late to get through online.

Assets of Community Value (ACV): GS explained that LBH had issued a lengthy and complex application form. All to consider possible candidates, apart from Osterley Library. **Action: ALL**

Communications with LBH: GS has started to compile a list of unanswered to emails. All to advise of others. It was agreed he keep a log. Action: ALL

Tesco 'Boy Racers': GC/GS/BS had attended a meeting with Tesco, and as a result a series of measures, from both local and regional management will be implemented. Tesco will inform the police of any vehicle numbers attained from CCTV

The Vesseys, 167 Jersey Road: LBH Enforcement are considering action. Our MP has said she cannot assist (local planning issue).

Ridgeway Rd/A4 Crossing: BS had had a response from LBH, and things appeared to have improved. All to monitor. If necessary we will email the headteacher of Isleworth and Syon if pupils do not use the crossing. Action: ALL

Grasshoppers' Wall: GS has photographed the wall (as has LG), and sent them to Hounslow Highways, who say they will inspect.

LBH Consultation on House Extensions: NTR. DP will contact our Planning Officer to progress. Action: DP

New Club Application: GS reported that the Licensing Panel had approved the application for the club next to PC World, it will be used solely for private functions, and not open to the public.

Listed Buildings: EL had almost completed text and a schedule regarding national listing in the OWGRA area for the website. DP would arrange a meeting with the Conservation Officer regarding the local list, and especially mistakes on Thornbury Road. Action: EL/DP

Thistleworth Club: We are committed to Wycombe House for meetings this year, bur BS will consider possibly alternating venues next year.

#### **4. Chairman's/Vice-Chairman's Report**

##### **a) External Meetings**

There had been no external meetings to attend (apart from the Planning Committee meeting on 3 Aug when the Bolder Academy was approved, despite OWGRA's presentation of its concerns with the inadequate transport and travel plans). A list of upcoming meetings had been previously circulated, and those nominated confirmed their attendance. BS suggested that attendees write a short report for the-newsletter and website in future (especially of the IBAF meetings). Action: ALL

##### **b) Air Pollution**

Surinderpal Suri, the LBH officer covering AP issues is unable to attend this meeting, or any Tuesday. LBH and Public Health England intend to hold three public meetings in Hounslow and are preparing a draft air quality action plan. LG had applied for the maximum £4,000 from Tesco Bags for monitoring equipment, but the scheme is running late, and no result is expected until next spring. LG has also been monitoring vehicle and pedestrian traffic in MacFarlane lane to gauge current usage, and tabled her report.

##### **c) Neighbourhood Watch**

GS had met with the NW Hounslow Coordinator, Patrick Hooper, and PCSO Robert Miller regarding obtaining an up to date list of active roads. There are several incomplete lists; Robert Miller would endeavour to collate them. GS has contacted David Blackett of the Heston Residents' Association, who is the Borough Chairman of NW, and Dawn Pinnell, the administrator, with no response. CHo suggested that we have a map on our website with NW streets coloured in, although this might be useful to any prospective burglar!

##### **d) Crime and ASB**

Osterley Park Hotel: Still problems. BS has reported a 2.00am fight to LBH Licensing. CHo reported that there was further fly-tipping in Braybourne Drive since the CCTV cameras have been removed. There is still dispute regarding replacement of the fence. CHo reported that anti-social moped activity had been noticed in the area; it was suggested that if possible, note should be made of any registration numbers, but without taking any risks.

e) Goals Football Club

A meeting had been held with Goals Manager and Regional manager by GC, OWGRA and Tony Louki. The matter seems to have been resolved, at least temporarily, as Old Isleworthians have withdrawn their request to use the facilities. The objections by residents to increased use were forcefully made to Goals.

f) Osterley Bookshop

We have promoted their September sale in 5 August e-newsletter and in the forthcoming Sept newsletter. The owner has suggested that the OWGRA website has an open 'social' page. There is already such a service covering our area, called 'Nextdoor'. It may be possible to link it to our website. DP will consider. **Action: DP**

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Previously circulated (attached). A further £85.00 had been paid in. IS proposed and BS seconded the adoption of the new signatories to the bank and building society accounts.

## 6. Webmaster's Report

Previously circulated (attached). DP confirmed that he had set up a section on the website for inclusion of the e-newsletters. Previous editions would need to be converted into word documents before inclusion. In future BS would provide a word version. **Action: BS/DP**

GS would forward previous e-newsletters to DP to lead on the website. **Action: GS**

BS noted that we need to keep monitoring to make sure the KOG website charges have been cancelled. BS asked that someone on a rota basis assist DP by casting a 'critical eye' on the content. All to consider. **Action: ALL**

## 7. Secretary's Report

a) Membership

We currently have 321 members. The committee noted that LG had recruited 18 new members, EL 15 and BS 8. It was disappointing that some other street reps had not been so active. It was hoped that we could motivate the reps when they attend our next meeting. Our target was still 500 members.

There was some discussion as to the annual membership fee of £5 and whether it should be reduced for residents signing up now (valid until end March 2018). BS suggested that the current fee stands for residents joining up to Jan 2018, and after that anyone joining OWGRA and paying £5 could have membership valid until end March 2019.

b) Newsletter

The next newsletter had gone to print. BS would circulate the final version. **Action: BS**

c) Public Meeting (10.10.17)

The Action List for the meeting on 10 October had been circulated previously. The various tasks were confirmed or allocated. CA would chair the meeting with GS. GS and CHo would coordinate the refreshments. CA's son, Kush, would take photographs; GS and CHo will draft a simple survey/voting form; IS will store surplus refreshments; GS and DP will write articles for the website, local press etc.. GS will coordinate volunteers. **Action: ALL**

GS had written to the speakers requesting a written statement for the website. Rob Gray of HAL had yet to reply; GS and IP will meet with John Stewart of HACAN to brief him, and he will do a statement.

Action: GS/IS

d) Meeting with SKY

BS had suggested a formal meeting with SKY. GS will contact Bella Vuillermoze and their Transport Manager, Nick Peers. They now had a new multi-storey car park, and were no longer parking at various satellite sites, including Wycombe House.

Action: GS

e) Meeting with Carillion

BS and CHu had met with Carillion in Jersey Gardens. Some issues were resolved, and there was now a contact point, but the ownership of the A4 boundary hedge was yet to be determined.

f) Transport/Traffic/Parking

There was a problem with parents dropping off pupils for Marlborough School in Redesdale and Rothbury Gardens. BS had emailed the headteacher, who responded promptly, but LBH had not been very helpful, and he had requested OWGRA attend a meeting with him with LBH Traffic. There were several other outstanding issues eg. Wood Lane (north), Wood Lane level crossing, ANPR, Syon Lane Station litter, clean routes to school etc. that meant a formal meeting with LBH Traffic was needed. BS will pursue.

Action: BS

It was agreed that CHo would draft a letter to LBH requesting clarification of the legality of the travel arrangements to the new Nishkam School, especially with regard to Park & Stride sites and the drop off/parking restrictions.

Action: CHo

CHu undertook to monitor parking of Cole Hire vans in St Mary's Crescent.

g) Future Public Meetings

The public meeting set for Tuesday 5 December is on Waste Management & Recycling, Littering & Fly-tipping. BS will contact possible speakers. BS suggested that the subject of the February 2018 meeting be local health issues (primary and secondary care, with speakers from Hounslow Clinical Commissioning Group and West Middlesex Hospital).

Action: BS

## 8. Communication Officer's Report

Previously circulated (attached). BS, CHo and DP will meet to see whether we can set up a Twitter feed into Facebook.

Action: BS/CHo/DP

## 9. Planning and Development

a) Bolder

A very poor response had been received from the GLA, which did not address any of our points. A more recent response said that the issues will be brought to the attention of the Mayor.

b) Grasshoppers

The smell and noise from the site are said to be normal for excavations of long-undisturbed ground. Excavations have turned up old dumpings of asbestos material. Dawnus state that there is no danger, but several exclusion zones have been set up, and specialist removal will be required. A local landscaper, Sunil Patel, has the contract to remove surplus vegetation from the site (mainly the Wood Lane side), and has applied for the replanting contract, but this is not confirmed.

c) Gillette South

This application has been rejected by the planners.

d) Chiswick Curve

The applicants have appealed against the decision.

e) Planning Enforcement

BS has made several reports to LBH Planning Enforcement regarding developments in the OWGRA area which may contravene planning regulations, car ports, large sheds and tents in front gardens.

f) Evaluation of Standard Planning Applications

We receive monthly updates of any new planning applications. The majority of these are not controversial, and in new cases LBH is obliged to inform neighbours on both sides of the application in case they wish to object. It was agreed that OWGRA should only be involved in the event of neighbours requesting us to do so. In the case of larger developments, such as blocks of flats etc., then the local OWGRA street rep should be informed to see if there are any objections from the surrounding residents.

## 10. Any Other Business

- a) BS urged the committee to support the campaign to promote London as a National Park City. She also requested that those who were not already members become social members of Wycombe House, and passed round application forms. **Action: ALL**
- b) GC reported that post boxes should be repainted every five years, and it was worth chasing up.
- c) CHo had attended a meeting at Osterley Library. It was reported that there will need to be another round of redundancies, although not necessarily at libraries. She suggested that we pursue a project 'twinning' the library with the two new schools. All to consider. CHo suggested, and it was agreed, that there be a regular 'confidential items' slot on the agenda for committee members only, and that only OWGRA members' issues be considered at the meetings. **Action: BS**
- d) CA informed the committee that in the future he would be submitting a planning application for a loft and rear extension at his house in Wood Lane. He also urged members to support a sponsored walk being organised by Lions Club International in Osterley Park on 24 Sept. He would circulate details. **Action: CA**
- e) GS noted the Isleworth 390 campaign which sought to unravel the stories of the 390 Isleworth men who died at Passchendaele, and were commemorated on the Isleworth War Memorial. CHo had supported their event on 6 October via our Twitter account.
- f) GS proposed and IS seconded the confirmation of CHu (crime/ASB/police matters) and EL (admin support) as committee members.

## 11. Date of Next Meetings

Wednesdays 4 October, 1 November and 6 December. Public meetings 10 October and 5 December.