



OWGRA Committee

Osterley & Wyke Green Residents' Association

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Minutes of the 6th meeting of the 2023/24 Committee
West Thames College, London Rd, Isleworth, TW7 4HS
on Thursday 11 January 2024, 19:00

Present:

Committee Members:

Cliff Assi (CA)	Committee Chairman
Colin Hume (CH)	Committee member, Ward Panel, Crime & ASB
Ed Locke (EL)	Committee member, Membership Secretary (meeting chairperson)
Ian Speed (IS)	Committee member, Treasurer
Barbara Stryjak (BS)	Committee member, Campaign Coordinator
Leo Vermeulen (LV)	Committee member, Webmaster (minute taker)
Lis Guest (LG)	Committee member, Street Rep Coordinator

Guests:

Alan Willsher (AS)	OWGRA Street Rep
Unsa Chaudri (UC)	Ward Councillor
Salvinder Bains (SB)	OWGRA Street Rep
Annalice Fulgoni (AF)	OWGRA Street Rep
Loretta Hanrahan (LH)	OWGRA Street Rep
John Hanrahan (JH)	OWGRA Street Rep

NB. Minutes to be read in conjunction with the agenda and reports previously circulated, attached to email from EL, dated 8 January 2024.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Apologies

Tony Louki (TL)	Ward Councillor
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2. Minutes of the 5th meeting of 2023/24 Committee held on 16 November 2023

The minutes were agreed, proposed by CH and seconded by LV.
Minute taker for the next meeting on 15 February 2024 would be BS, and EL would chair.

3. Matters Arising (section A of report)

Attendance at External meetings

BS stated she would attend the Residents' Association Forum (RAF) meeting on 15 January 2024

BS suggested that questions around Nishkam should be submitted for the next OSGAF, scheduled for 20 March 2024.



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Next Committee Meeting venue

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 February 2024 at 7 pm. CH agreed to book WTC.

Action: CH

AGM

BS suggested 22 May 2024 as the date for the next AGM. UC confirmed that from her point of view this date would be suitable but will confirm with TL. CA volunteered to check with the Gymkhana whether, like last year, we could book their venue for the AGM

Action: UC

Action: CA

(update 16 January: Gymkhana booking confirmed)

It was agreed that the AGM must be mentioned in the paper newsletter that will go out before the AGM and that the date of publication must be early enough so members can make arrangements to attend. Publication date for the paper newsletter to be agreed.

4. Governance (section B of report)

It was agreed to reimburse BS for leaflet printing expenses and to renew the OWGRA subscription to the London Forum

Action: IS

5. Treasurer (section C of report)

IS reported that the OWGRA bank balance had not changed since the last meeting. Other details in the Report from the Treasurer.

It was agreed that EL be reimbursed £10.00 for topping up the OWGRA mobile phone.

6. Membership Secretary (section D of report)

EL reported that the membership at the end of the year was 375.

EL presented a new membership form for the 2024/25 year and suggested to change the colour to shades of blue to distinguish it from last year's red forms. After a suggestion from BS and some discussion it was decided to print the membership forms on recycled paper and make a remark to that effect on the forms. Like previous years 5000 copies will be printed and distributed in the OWGRA area.

7. Street Rep Coordinator (section E of report)

LS reported that she received an email from Daniel Mann expressing concerns about the Nishkam traffic when compared to the traffic plan. There were also concerns about the traffic lights at pedestrian crossing. There used to be a zebra crossing which worked well, but now that pedestrian traffic lights have been introduced queues easily form which stretch to around the corner causing unnecessary delays and a lot of noise from impatient drivers using their car horns. The Meeting's opinion was that the zebra crossing worked a lot better keeping noise and traffic down.

8. Webmaster (section F of report)



LV noted that a message had been received from Wix.com where the OWGRA website is hosted with a renewal notice. The subscription costs have almost doubled since last year.

LV also reported that he had received an email from SB with a proposal for an updated menu structure. He will study the proposal and contact SB.

LV showed EL how the MS OneDrive could be used to store the membership spreadsheets.

9. Communications Officer (section G of report)

E-newsletter, deadline for copy to EL: Wednesday 17 January

The following items were suggested for inclusion in OWGRA e-news

- Tesco/Homebase Update (incl. letter to SoS?) (Barbara)
- Osterley Park Hotel (Barbara)
- Nishkam (Barbara)
- Environmental Champions event (Edward)
- Osterley Park Events/News (Edward)
- Golden Mile Centenary (Barbara)
- Crime/ASB (Colin)
- Area Forum/Save the Date (Edward)
- Cabinet Question Time/Save the Date (Edward)
- Jersey Gardens update
- Grasshoppers summer festivals issues
- Cabinet Question Time (28 February)
- Parking Exemption 3-month renewal, application contact numbers
- Other LBH Items – Events and Support for Carers? (Edward)

Action: EL/All

10. Campaign Coordinator (section H of report)

Tesco / Homebase Planning Inquiry

BS reported on the Zoom meetings that had taken place with the THB Action group. Details in section H.1 of the Report. The conclusion is that there is no point continuing the process, but that we have been vindicated, seeing that the Planning Inspector sided with OWGRA and recommended refusal of the Planning Application.

Osterley Park Hotel

BS reported on the latest developments. Details in the Report, section H.1

Grasshoppers

BS reported on the licence application. It was noted that the Grasshoppers financial situation does not seem to be very good and that they see the summer's concerts as an additional source of



income. It was also noted that almost all Grasshopper members are not local so the benefit to the local community seems minimal.

Tesco

BS reported on the contact she has (tried to) have with the Tesco General Manager. Details in the Report.

OWGRA 2025 Calendar?

BS drew attention to the Isleworth Society 2024 calendar and was wondering whether OWGRA could have a similar initiative, maybe in combination with a photo competition. She would also suggest a calendar for 2025 to mark the centenary of the Golden Mile.

Nishkam litter pick

CH reported that the Nishkam school had organised a school litter pick before Christmas and suggested that maybe it should be mentioned in our next e-newsletter

Golden Mile Centenary/Xmas trees

BS reported that the effort to try to get a few Xmas trees set up along the Golden Mile had been a total failure.

11. Transport and Traffic (section I of report)

Nishkam

BS presented the latest on Nishkam (see Report). CA added that the CCTV camera outside his house on Wood Lane went live on 9 January and was being monitored remotely by Council staff between 07.45 - 09.15 and 14.45 to 16.15 (the single red route hours). Four PCNs were issued on the first day. However, PCNs cannot be issued remotely for cars stopping on the zig-zag lines before and after the zebra crossing. A ticket for this offence can only be issued in person, not via CCTV. The fear also is that drop-off / pick-up traffic will simply move to just south of the A4. What is needed is more enforcement officers.

CH expressed his disappointment at level of engagement of the Council. It feels like they let Nishkam do as they please. Maybe more informal meetings are required.

BS commented on the Nishkam Travel Plan which they submitted, and which was rejected by the Council because of its poor quality and factual errors.

JH remarked that documents like the Travel Plan are just empty promises that will never be adhered to.

12. Planning (section J of report)

BS presented the Planning section of the Report.

Brentford FC planning application

In principle OWGRA is in favour of the application, but there should be a condition to restrict loud music. IS will draft a response to the application. IS was concerned about illegal parking and vehicular access and wondered whether the club could be made to provide enforcement officers.



Action: IS

Gillette Building

BS reported no updates and that the building seems unused at the moment.

13. Crime and ASB (section K of report)

CH presented his report and also reported that it is more than likely that the area will have its full complement of 5 police officers soon, i.e. one Sergeant, 1 PC and 3 Community Support officers.

14. AOB

JH wondered whether there is CCTV at Jersey Gardens as there seems to be a strong smell of cannabis at times. CH wasn't sure that there is CCTV but said that any signs of illegal activities should always be reported to the police. SB said that he had heard that the hedges around the Gardens would be trimmed to below eye level so it would be more difficult to hide.

BS had written to our London Assembly member Nick Rogers concerning fireworks in the area through most of November going off until the early hours. She had received an acknowledgement, but no response yet. Writing to our MP Ruth Cadbury also had not met with a response.

CA suggested an OWGRA Committee + interested members social get-together. After a brief comparing of diaries we settled on Friday, 26 January at 19:00 for the date and the Hare and Hounds for the location. Everyone should email EL stating yes/no and how many persons would attend.