OWGRA
Osterley & Wyke Green Residents' Association

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the 2024/5 Committee
Banks Room, Spring Grove House, West Thames College
Thursday 16 January 2025, 19:00

Present:

Committee Members:	
Cliff Assi (CA)	Chairman
Colin Hume (CH)	Crime/ASB
Ed Locke (EL)	Membership Secretary (chaired the meeting)
Pankaj Malhi (PM)	Treasurer
Kirsty Sewell (KS)	Street Rep Coordinator
Barbara Stryjak (BS)	Campaign Coordinator (minute taker)
Leo Vermeulen (LV)	Webmaster
Guests:	
Ruth Cadbury (RC)	MP
Unsa Chaudri (UC)	Ward Councillor
Tony Louki (TL)	Ward Councillor
Annalice Fulgoni (AF)	Street Rep
Jenda Martin (JM)	Street Rep
Andy Sobryan (AS)	Street Rep
Alan Wiltshire (AW)	Street Rep
Bittu Malhi (BM)	Member

NB. Minutes to be read in conjunction with the agenda and reports previously circulated, attached to email from BS, dated 13 Jan 2025.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Apologies
Loretta Hanrahan (LH) Street Rep

2. Minutes of the 5th meeting of 2024/5 Committee held on 5 December 2024

The minutes were agreed, proposed by PM and seconded by LV.

Committee meeting on 27 February: minute taker would be LV. EL would chair.
CH will try to book WTC. Action: CH
EL would do the admin (drafting the agenda and collating reports). Action: EL

3. Matters Arising (section A of report)

CA said he was covering the cost of the Remembrance Wreath (11 Nov 2024). He was thanked for his kind contribution.

It was agreed to move the Committee meeting initially proposed for 22 May (the day after the AGM) to Thursday 29 May; the deadline for submission of copy for the e-news would be 4 June and it would be sent to members on 7/8 June. All other dates of OWGRA Committee meetings in 2025 would remain as previously agree.

Holiday dates: Committee members were requested to update the Committee of any new holiday dates, also cancellation of previously notified holiday dates, to help with planning and administration. Action: All

OWGRA AGM (21 May 2025)

BS to organise a meeting with Indian Gymkhana early Feb to discuss logistics of the AGM (room layout, AV, menu, etc) to be attended by BS, CA, EL and LV. PM suggested we try to negotiate the hire fee (£200). Action: BS

BS to update the AGM check list:
- CH agreed to chair the AGM.
- BM would draft the copy for the paper newsletter. BS to send to BM previous paper newsletters.

Action: BS/BM

4. Governance (section B of report)

Code of Conduct: EL had sent this to Committee members on 7 Dec 2024 asking for comment but there had been no response. All to respond before the next meeting on 27 Feb. Action: All

5. Treasurer (section C of report)

PM will need to get the old and new signatories to the OWGRA bank account to sign all the forms again, as the previous forms had not been fully or correctly completed and the paperwork had also been misdirected and lost by the Co-op Bank. Action: PM

6. Membership Secretary (section D of report)

EL will circulate the draft membership form for 2025/26 to Committee members for approval. It will go to print in mid-Feb. Action: EL

7. Street Rep Co-ordinator (Section E of report)

LV will meet with KS to set up access to the OWGRA e-mail account and to the OneDrive and Google Drive. Action: LV/KS

KS to draft an e-mail to Street Reps to introduce herself as the new Street Rep Co-ordinator, notify them of the dates for delivery of the paper newsletter, and ask them which of their streets have WhatsApp groups. Action: KS

KS to start to look where we have vacancies for Street Reps and how we fill them. Action: KS

BS would provide the password to the OWGRA e-mail account to LV. Action: BS

8. Webmaster (section F of report)

LV would progress the move of documents from the OneDrive to Google Drive. Action: LV

LV would meet with BS in early Feb to set up Google Drive on her laptop. Action: LV/BS
OWGRA is now on Bluesky.

BS would propose to Hounslow Highways that they start to post on Bluesky. Action: ABS

9. Communications Officer (section G of report)

E-news: deadline for content: Wed 22 Jan.

BM presented his ideas for a Communications Strategy and will look at expanding it to provide more detail about objectives, target audience, what and how to communicate, KPIs, timescales, how to attract new members, etc, and draft a Vision Statement for OWGRA, leaving the current Mission Statement as is *"OWGRA is a residents' association in West London working for residents to monitor, protect and enhance Osterley and its environs".* Action: BM

There was further discussion about communicating via WhatsApp; clarification is needed on what can be communicated and whether it involves one or two-way communication, community announcements, channels, etc, also maintaining privacy of mobile numbers. Action: BM

10. Campaign Coordinator (section H of report)

Homebase planning application (P/2024/3083): BS will send info to TL so he can contact Planning Officers to ensure this application goes to Planning Committee, and ask when this might be.
Action: BS/TL

Tesco/Homebase 3D model: BS will contact Gunnersbury Museum to see if they would be interested in having the model. Action: BS

Golden Mile Centenary: the paper on this has not yet gone to LBH Cabinet. We are concerned that there is not much time left to the end of May to organise any events.

Ward Walks: TL said he would do a summary of the 2 ward walks on 22 Aug and 15 Nov 2024.
Action: TL

11. Transport and Traffic (section I of report)

E1 bus extension (from Ealing Broadway to Osterley): BS to forward the information about the petition to RC so that she can contact Seb Dance (London Deputy Mayor for Transport), also needed is a bus route to link West Mid and Ealing Hospitals, also a bus route from Osterley to Southall (via Tentelow Lane) to provide access to the Elizabeth line until the Southall Rail Link is built.
Action: BS/RC

A4 meeting: BS to contact Melanie Fontinelle to attend the follow-up online meeting about A4 issues on Wed 22 Jan, 10.30-12.00.

12. Planning (section J of report)

Solar panels: OWGRA is happy to support the change in regulations which would allow solar panels to be placed on roofs at the front of houses in conservation areas. PM asked if there are any grants for installing solar panels; probably not.

13. Crime and ASB (section K of report)

BS to contact the new NW Coordinator for Hounslow, Amar Singh. Action: BS

The next Ward Panel meeting will be end March/early April.

The new Borough Commander is Jill Horsefall (replaces Sean Wilson).

Jersey Gardens: BS suggested asking if Isleworth & Syon School would be happy to donate one of their outdoor table tennis tables to Jersey Gardens, and it appears that they are not much used at the school. Action: CH

Summer Social: Agreement from the Committee for this to go ahead in July at Wycombe House.

14. AOB

RC explained the proposals for planes to be able to take off from the northern runway at Heathrow in an easterly direction, which would end the Cranford agreement (which doesn't permit this); when planes are taking off in an easterly direction they can only do so from the southern runway. It is thought that this will not have much of an effect on Osterley. The consultation (run by Hillingdon Council) closes imminently.

PM to contact Aftab S about possibly applying to LBH for funding for the printing of the OWGRA newsletter. Action: PM

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm.