OWGRA
Osterley & Wyke Green Residents' Association

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the 2024/5 Committee held via Zoom.

Thursday 1st August 2024 at 19:00.

Present:

Committee Members:	
Ed Locke (EL)	Membership Secretary (chaired the meeting)
Lis Guest (LG)	Street Rep Coordinator
Ian Speed (IS)	Treasurer
Barbara Stryjak (BS)	Campaign Coordinator
Leo Vermeulen (LV)	Webmaster (minute taker)
Colin Hume (CH)	Crime/ASB
Kirsty Sewell (KS)	Street Rep Coordinator, designate
Guests:	
Annalice Fulgoni (AF)	Street Rep
Salvinder Bains (SB)	Street Rep

NB. Minutes to be read in conjunction with the agenda and reports previously circulated, attached to email from EL, dated 30th July 2024 and available on the OWGRA Onedrive in the folder: OWGRA\Committee Meetings\Committee Meeting 20240801.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

a. **Apologies**

Cliff Assi	Chairman
Jenda Martin	Street Rep
Tony Louki	Ward Councillor
Unsa Chaudri	Ward Councillor

EL welcomed everyone and especially Kirsty Sewell (KS) who will be taking over from LG. For KS's benefit a quick introduction round was done.

2. Minutes of the 1st meeting of 2024/25 Committee held on 18th June 2024

a. **Agreement:** The minutes were agreed, proposed by LV and seconded by LG.
b. **Minute taker for the next meeting** to be decided

3. Matters Arising (section A of report)

a. **Actions review**: It was agreed that all actions had been done.
b. **Matters arising** None
c. **Next Committee meeting venue** CH confirmed that he had booked the Banks Room at West Thames College
d. **Members' social event** BS told the meeting about Brentford Voice who regularly organise social evenings for their members in one of the many pubs in their area. The proposal is to

organise an OWGRA social evening in the Hare & Hounds on Wednesday 21 August from 19:00. More details to be discussed. The next e-news, going out around 11 August will have an invite for the members to come along. The idea of advertising the event using posters around the area was discussed and rejected due to shortage of manpower and the fact that it would require permission from the Council to put up posters. Creating an event on EventBrite was equally rejected. It will be a very informal meeting. **Action: BS**

4. Governance (section B of report)

a. **Decisions taken between meetings.** Content of the e-news and an update was agreed

5. Treasurer (section C of report)

IS reported that the financial situation is looking good. Our regular costs have decreased slightly after the decision not to renew our paid Zoom subscription, which proved very valuable during the Covid lockdown but has not been utilised much since.

Pankaj Malhi will be taking over from IS as Treasurer starting from the next Committee meeting and has been invited to join the next Committee meeting. We will also have to arrange transfer of bank accounts and other responsibilities. IS will drop off some banking documents with EL. We will also have to arrange transfer of signing authority, seeing that LG will be leaving soon. It was agreed to do all these actions at the same time, hopefully making it easier. **Action: IS to organise the new banking set-up.**

As an aside, IS reported on the progress of the next stage in the Vine Lodge campaign, distributing leaflets in the area to ask people to raised complaints to the new planning application. IS also remarked that the new Council's planning portal is much worse that the previous one, e.g. by not allowing to copy and paste text from your own Word document into the planning portal forcing the user to enter text into the planning portal directly, which will cause the portal to time out if the text is lengthy. It doesn't save what has been entered already when this happens. AF said she had to try 5 times entering her objection which took her all week-end. BS said that we informed the Council of various issues when the new portal was introduced.

AF asked what had happened with the listing of Vine Lodge, which the Council claimed had been done, and which was not in actual fact done. BS replied that she had requested an emergency listing of Vine Lodge, but that the relevant people were on holiday. This was not the only mistake made by the responsible planning officer, who has now left the Council.

6. Membership Secretary (section D of report)

EL said that he had contacted many members who had not yet renewed and that this has had some result: as of the date of the Committee meeting OWGRA has 358 members. In answer to a question from BS about who delivers membership card EL said that he, Andy Williams, Patrick Culleton and Mike Perry do this.

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

NTR except that our calls for new Committee members have been partly answered by Kirsty Sewell who has agreed to take over from LG. LG has been giving a hand-over to Kirsty already. LG told the meeting that her departure is imminent now, a bit behind schedule. **Action: BS to add Kirsty to our WhatsApp group and LV to provide access to the OneDrive. KS to provide a photo and a brief bio for the website.**

8. Webmaster (section F of report)

NTR. BS asked whether the website's content is now completely up to date. LV responded that he had made sure the whole site was mobile compatible now and slight updates had been made.
Action: LV to email a link to the Committee members page to KS

9. Communications Officer (section G of report)

E news deadline for the next edition is Wednesday 7 August and a publishing date of the following weekend. List of proposed items can be found in the Reports document of the Committee meeting. An item on the new 618 school bus was added. The item on Crime / ASB will be dropped due to lack of information as well as the PCSO report.

10. Campaign Coordinator (section H of report)

a. **Comments / Questions**: Nothing to add that hasn't already been mentioned in section G.
b. **Guest invitations to future meetings**: we're expecting Pankaj at the next Committee meeting, as well as Andy Sobryan who would like to discuss power supply capacity in the area in view of the Tesco/Homebase development and also the switch-over from analog to digital telephone lines. Two others have requested to attend: Chris Cleeves, General Manager of Osterley Park and Rupert Wyllie who wants to discuss his ideas on community engagement. We're proposal to invite them to the meeting after the next one, for capacity reasons. This will be on 24 October. **Action: BS to contact Rupert Wyllie proposing a later date. CH to contact Chris Cleeves inviting him to the Ward Panel instead.**

11. Transport and Traffic (section I of report)

Nothing to add to what is written in section I of the report. BS updated KS on the history of the A4 walkabout that took place on 22-2-2023 and subsequent meetings.

12. Planning (section J of report)

Nothing additional to report. BS was asked by KS to give some details on the 150 Wood Lane planning application, which was given.

13. Crime and ASB (section K of report)

Nothing to add to the report. EL asked about Lime Bikes. CH replied that although Lime Bikes responds well to complaints we can't be sure how they action them. Katherine Dunne indicates that a review on the location of Lime Bike parking will take place. TL is monitoring this. BS said that Lime Bikes do get discussed at monthly Hounslow Highways Lay Assessors meetings. At a recent meeting Dominic West (St. Johns Residents Association) said that Lime Bikes do not actually seem to issue any fines. AF said she had to wait well over 3 weeks before they responded to a report of an abandoned bike. EL said that anecdotally the situation seems to have got worse in the last few weeks. The rest of the meeting concurred.

BS reported that the Travellers have now been on the Tesco car park for over 3 weeks. Tesco doesn't seem to care any longer.

14. AOB

KS said she reported some crimes that had been taking place outside her house which she reported but no action was taken. CH asked her to provide him with the details.

BS said she would be attending the meeting on 5 August at the Thistleworth Tennis Club regarding the Osterley Bowls Club. She also said she wouldn't be here for the next Committee meeting on 12 September. With that in mind it might be better to move the invitation to Ruth Cadbury to attend our Committee meeting to the October meeting. **Action: EL to contact Ruth Cadbury**

LG reported that the joy riding at the Tesco car park is still ongoing. She reported the incident, as have others. So far to no avail.

IS said that from what he has heard any possible expansion of Heathrow Airport won't take place for many years to come, 2030s at the earliest. BS said the OWGRA does not take a position on Heathrow expansion.

With this the meeting ended at 20:13.