

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the 2023/24 Committee held at West Thames College Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.00

Present:

Committee Members:

Cliff Assi (CA) Chairman

Lis Guest (LG) Street Rep Coordinator

Colin Hume (CH) Crime/ASB – came after start of meeting Edward Locke (EL) Membership Secretary (meeting chairperson)

Ian Speed (IS) Treasurer (minute taker)
Barbara Stryjak (BS) Campaign Coordinator

Leo Vermeulen (LV) Webmaster

Guests:

Alan Willsher (AS) Street Rep
Tony Louki (TL) Ward Councillor
Unsa Chaudri (UC) Ward Councillor
Aftab Siddiqui (AS) Ward Councillor

NB. Minutes to be read in conjunction with the agenda and reports previously circulated, attached to email from EL, dated 7th May 2024.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Cliff opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Ed then took over as the Chair.

Apologies

Annalice Fulgoni Street Rep Loretta and John Hanrahan Street Reps Andy Sobryan Street Rep

2. Minutes of the 8th meeting of 2023/24 Committee held on 28th March 2024

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

DONM - The next meeting would be on 18TH June and EL would chair. (decided after the meeting following email discussions about expected unavailability on Thurs 20th). CH would book WTC. Did not decide on a minute taker.

Action: CH

3. Matters Arising (section A of report)

AGM

AGM Photo Protocol – it was confirmed that only the committee/speaker on the platform would have their facial photos published, and all pictures of the audience would just be from the back. The Photo Protocol was agreed and would be put on the website.

Action: LV

BS asked if LV had made the draft minutes of the 2023 AGM available on the website. LV confirmed they were.

Numbers to be confirmed to Gymkhana the day before the AGM by IS following information from LV.

Action: LV/IS

Questions for the Leader of the Council to be provided by Monday 20th to Cllr Rajawat's PA.

Action: BS

E1 Bus Route Introduction

BS asked if ward councillors could write to TfL in support of OWGRA's campaign to get this immediately introduced into the area.

Action: TL/UC/AS

Community Awards

UC volunteered to cover the Ward Panel Award for the e- Newsletter, and AS for Barbara Shah, following BS's request that councillors write something about the LBH Hounslow Community Awards.

Action: UC/AS

4. Governance (section B of report)

Committee agreed Zoom was less essential than previously. It was therefore decided to pause membership on the renewal date and postpone it until genuinely needed. Action: BS

The Data Privacy Policy was agreed and would be put on the website. Action: LV

5. Treasurer (section C of report)

Online payment issues - members to be advised to input Osterley & Wyke Green Residents Association as per Membership Secretary's report. IS advised that the annual surplus previously announced did not include about £19 worth of bank interest, but the Statement of Accounts in the Ledger workbook does include this. The auditor has now agreed to review the accounts.

Action: EL

6. Membership Secretary (section D of report)

As per the circulated report. See also Treasurer's report re online payments.

7. Street Rep Coordinator (section E of report)

LG confirmed that she would be stepping down from the post shortly after the AGM. She agreed for the time being to continue being a signatory and reserve authoriser for the online bank payments by the association.

8. Webmaster (section F of report)

Following LV's report, the committee discussed whether to move to a system like MailChimp for messaging all the members but decided to continue with the present system.

LV put out another plea for photos of local scenery for the website. Action: All

The current registration of attenders at the AGM is only 17. EL said there would be three further reminders – the formal invite email, the regular e-news (both members only) and then the printed newsletter to all homes in the area.

9. Communications Officer (section G of report)

E-newsletter to be drafted by EL as per list in written report.

Action: EL/BS+
E-newsletter, deadline for copy to EL: Wednesday 15th May.

AS will write up Barbara Shah's award for the e-newsletter. CH advised that we should get her permission before putting anything in.

Action: AS

TL advised that the next Area Forum is at West Thames College on June 27th. The focus would be 'Health and Wellness'.

10. Campaign Coordinator (section H of report)

Tesco/Homebase

Following email agreement, EL wrote back to the approach email from Berkeley St Edward.

BSE agreed to the creation of a permanent residents' representative group not necessarily consisting of just OWGRA members / committee as Syon Park/Trees Estate area inhabitants are nearer to the site than a lot of Osterley.

The new LBH Planning Area Manager for the site is Eamon Cassidy.

CH's son Stuart has contributed a critique of BSE's Construction Logistics and Environmental Management Plan (CLEMP). These have formed the basis of a comment from OWGRA to LBH Planning by BS. (post meeting).

There will be a link in the e-news to encourage all OWGRA members to comment on these.

OPH

Good start made on demolition work, but half of the old kitchen wall is still left.

AS will contact Matt Robinson from LBH to monitor progress. Action: AS

BS can still hear the noisy flues – now moved towards the back of the old kitchen roof.

Grasshoppers

Corrections of mistakes in the minutes of the Licensing Panel meeting of 21st Feb and answers to questions on due diligence were still awaited.

Events have now been announced for the 29th and 30th June.

Grasshoppers will have to submit a management plan covering various issues on the licence approval.

Tesco

Various residents including LG have heard boy racers racing round the car park and surrounding area – see also Crime & ASB.

Area Forum

Leading on from the previous meeting, TL issued a list of Councillors' recent achievements and actions.

11. Transport and Traffic (section I of report)

Nishkam

CH now leading on parking issues.

Nishkam still not submitted Traffic & Enforcement plans – due on 9th February,

Councillors to get updates on fines. NB you can still be fined for leaving the School Street roads during the banned time even if you have parked up before the start of it.

Action: TL/AS/CH

Various Other Items

LBH to launch crackdown on idling cars.

Detailed report submitted about Northumberland Estate issues from group led by AS with TL.

Pressure to be kept up on LBH and others to remedy issues raised.

Action: AS

H28 will stay diesel until 2028.

BS awaiting information from LBH Transport if speed monitoring has been done on Wood Lane near BS house / OPH.

Isleworth Station lifts – nearing completion.

12. Planning (section J of report)

Planning log update has not been done by BS for a number of months. BS has lost motivation to do it in the absence of a Planning Officer on the Committee.

New planning portal at LBH goes live on 15th May:

- No current plans to show responses to applications on the application's page.
- Timing out issues need to be checked for rectification.

13. Crime and ASB (section K of report)

Nishkam – as per CH written report.

Tesco car park – following reports of boy racers again, CH has sent email to the Tesco management. Police do have the power to confiscate vehicles. BS suggested asking Ruth Cadbury to arrange meeting with Tesco.

Ward Panel:

- Five police officers led by Inspector Michael Binns attended the Ward Panel.
- New PCSO has started.
- Hard to recruit police officers.
- Police leaflet to be delivered with OWGRA newsletter.

14. AOB

Problem of excessive domestic bonfires has arisen and has been raised by AW. This is covered by the Clean Air act. However, the waters are slightly muddy because barbecues have more licence to create smoke than bonfires. BS stated that antisocial bonfires can be reported to the Council and that holders of a bonfire on Wood Lane were recently warned of a potential £5k fine.

IS warned that he would stand down as Treasurer after the 2025 AGM.

The meeting finished at about 9pm