



**Minutes of the 1st meeting of the 2025/6 Committee
Grasshoppers Rugby Football Club
Annexe, Syon Ln, Osterley, Isleworth, TW7 5PN
Thursday 10th April 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 (minute taker)
Barbara Stryjak (BS)	Campaign Coordinator
Leo Vermeulen (LV)	Webmaster

Guests:

Tony Louki (TL)	Ward Councillor
Bittu Malhi (BM)	Member

NB. Minutes to be read in conjunction with the agenda and reports previously circulated, attached to email from EL, dated 08 Apr 2025.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Introduction

Meeting started on 7.06pm - CA welcomed all those present and handed over to EL to chair the meeting

Apologies

Aftab Siddiqui (AS)	Ward Councillor
Unsa Chaudri (UC)	Ward Councillor
Alan Willsher (AW)	Street Rep

2. Minutes of the 7th meeting of 2024/5 Committee held on 27th February 2025

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

Committee meeting on 29th May 2025: minute taker would be BS. EL would chair.

3. Matters Arising (section A of report)

Osterley Lane walkway

PM has not yet sent an email to TL regarding the Osterley Lane walkway, as the recent summery weather has not provided suitable conditions. Once a damp day occurs, photos will be taken and shared accordingly to TL.

Action: PM

Next Meeting Venue

As WTC will be closed on the date of our next meeting, 29 May 2025, EL will write to Grasshoppers to request the use of their venue for the meeting

Action: EL

Agenda reshuffle

CH had previously requested that his item be brought forward; as a result, item 13 – Crime and ASB – will now be presented earlier than originally scheduled, between Section 4 (Governance) and Section 5 (Treasurer).

Action: EL

Summer Social event: It was agreed by all committee members that Wednesday, 16 July 2025, 7pm, at Wycombe House would be the most convenient date and time for OWGRA' s next social event. The idea of hosting a BBQ was discussed; however, it was ultimately decided that organising such an event would be too complex at this stage. It was suggested that a sub-committee might be needed to handle the logistics of a future BBQ. Given the time and planning required, this idea will be revisited in the future with more preparation. For the upcoming meeting, light refreshments—nibbles and drinks—will be provided on the day. However, costs may needed to be considered for nibbles. CH would contact Wycombe House to see if they could provide nibbles/light refreshments and at what price per head.

Action: CH

EL encouraged committee members to consider joining the annual social subscription for Wycombe House, noting that in previous years some members have done so as a way of contributing to the use of the venue and facilities they provided us for our socials.

Action: All

4. Governance (section B of report)

Code of Conduct: All committee members approved LV's version of the current Code of Conduct (generated with the help of ChatGPT – thank you to LV for his initiative). BS will print copies for all committee members to sign at the next meeting. LV also suggested that the Code of Conduct be published on the OWGRA website, but it was agreed not to do that for the moment. Action: BS/LV

5. Treasurer (section C of report)

PM had nothing to add to what was stated in the Report.

BS noted that she did not understand the current changes to the financial reporting, as PM intended to align membership income with cash received on an accrual basis. PM will arrange a meeting with EL to clarify the current status of membership numbers/income and assess whether this approach is viable going forward, particularly in anticipation of any questions that may arise at the AGM.

Action: PM

6. Membership Secretary (section D of report)

Committee members will continue to review the approach to donation requests.

EL will also consider discontinuing the printing of membership cards moving forward, as the current stock is expected to last approximately 2–3 years.

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

NTR.

8. Webmaster (section F of report)

Google Drive and OneDrive

LV has deactivated OneDrive, as recent changes to the service did not meet OWGRA's requirements. The transition to Google Drive went live successfully on 09 April 2025, after LV met with BS to install Google Drive on her laptop. The associated cost of £1.99 will be covered under OWGRA's current subscription for ongoing needs to Google Drive.

9. Communications Officer (section G of report)

E-news: deadline for content: Wed 16 April. To go out the following weekend (19/20 April 2025).

TL informed the committee members that UC will responsible for this months Councillors item, EL will email to flag this. Action: EL

CH has requested the SNT report for inclusion of the e-news Action: CH

Paper Newsletter has gone for printing after a successful proof reading by the Yarnells.

10. Campaign Coordinator (section H of report)

OWGRA AGM, 21 May 2025: distribution of newsletters by OWGRA street reps

The following dates and times were agreed for newsletter collection and subsequent distribution to local residents in the OWGRA area :

- **Friday, 25th April 2025:** Collection of newsletters from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Saturday, 26th April 2025:** Collection of newsletters from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Newsletters to ideally be distributed w/c 5 May before the AGM on 21 May 2025.

BS will e-mail Street Reps with these dates and also ask if their streets have WhatsApp groups Action: BS

BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB TRAINING GROUND

A meeting about Brentford FC Training Ground community use will be on 23 or 24 April 2025.

OSTERLEY PARK HOTEL

BS is considering submitting a formal complaint to LBH in relation to the planning application for bin store and kitchen roof parapet that was submitted on 21 Dec 2024 and approved on 7 Feb without OWGRA being informed or letters sent to residents living in Wood Lane opposite the bin store.

Action: BS

GRASSHOPPERS

OWGRA has withdrawn its objection to the Turf Games licence application.

WARD WALKS:

TL said he would try to provide the reports of the two Ward Walks in 2024 by the end of April 2025. Another Ward Walk is provisionally planned for May 2025. Action: TL

171C THORNBURY ROAD (opposite the Osterley Bookshop)

BS to chase UC on an update with respect to an OWGRA member who lives nearby has been complaining about the crates of food left outside that attract vermin. BM commented there is a particular smell coming from this area now.

Action: BS

11. Transport and Traffic (section I of report)

College Road/Ridgeway road to be narrowed for utility works. Schedule of dates awaited.

12. Planning (section J of report)

NTR

13. Crime and ASB (section K of report)

George focused on police matters at the Ward Panel meeting on 26 March. Neighbourhood police resources are set to be reduced by 1,600 officers, though the timescale for this reduction remains unclear.

Tara Doyle (from the Community Safety team) agreed to a meeting to discuss the current situation with Tesco and to continue applying pressure on Tesco management. TL & BS will also follow up and remind the team about the situation at Offley Place.

Action: BS/TL

14. AOB

Nishkam app: BS suggested PM explores with Nishkam whether it's possible for email notifications to parents to be triggered through the 'My Child At School' (MCAS) app, an app introduced by Nishkam to communicate with parents, when new items are posted. Currently, there appears to be inconsistency in how messages are distributed, with some important updates only being shared via the app and not by email. This selective communication approach may lead to key information being missed by parents and other concerned parties.

Action: PM

The meeting finished at 8.33 pm.