

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the 2025/26 Committee Held at the Grasshoppers Rugby Football Club, Syon Lane Thursday 10 July 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

Barbara Stryjak (BS) Campaign Coordinator Leo Vermeulen (LV) Webmaster (minute taker)

Guests:

Tony Louki (TL) Ward Councillor Alan Willsher (AW) Street Rep

NB. Minutes to be read in conjunction with the agenda and reports previously circulated, attached to email from EL, dated 8 July 2025.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Introduction

CA welcomed all those present and handed over to EL to chair the meeting.

Apologies

Aftab Siddiqui Ward Councillor
Unsa Chaudri Ward Councillor
Annalice Fulgoni Street Rep
Bittu Malhi Member
Loretta Hanrahan Street Rep

2. Minutes of the 1st meeting of the 2025/26 Committee held on 10 July 2025

The minutes were approved, proposed by PM, seconded by LV.

The next Committee meeting will be on 21 August 2025, minute taker will be BS, EL will chair.

3. Matters Arising (section A of report)

Actions:

All actions were completed.

Matters arising:

None

Next meeting venue:

The next meeting will be held at the Grasshoppers Rugby Football Club. EL to confirm the date with the venue.

Action: EL

Summer social event:

After a discussion it was agreed that no snacks or other refreshments would be provided, but that attendees could order from the bar whatever was available. CH would inform JM.

Action: CH

4. Governance (section B of report)

Code of Conduct

PM and CH signed the Code of Conduct.

Decisions taken between meetings

None.

Future of OWGRA

Referring to what was written in the Report, the meeting agreed that moth-balling OWGRA would be the only option if no other volunteers to join the Committee come forward. This action would have to be initiated in November 2025. Decisions would have to be taken about what to do with OWGRA's assets. They would need to be preserved in such a way that re-starting in the future would be possible. The next e-news will have an article with this announcement. If mothballing is to go ahead it would require a Special General Meeting to be organised, which would be done on-line via Zoom if there is non-one to organise a venue and everything associated with that.

In the past we have considered merging with other local Residents' Associations, but this does not seem to be an option at this moment.

5. Crime and ASB (section K of report)

Nothing to add to the Report item. CH introduced the new 'Met Engage' initiative, which replaces the now defunct OWL. CH said he was not sure what the new platform was actually for or was meant to achieve. CH suggested adding a news item to the next e-news to introduce Met Engage.

BS doubted that Met Engage would achieve anything useful, seeing that OWL never lived up to its purpose either.

AW thought it would just be another waste of time and effort.

6. Treasurer (section C of report)

Nothing to add to the Report item.

A discussion was held on the table tennis table planned for Jersey Gardens. This will require a ground survey to be done, with its associated expense. Various grants are available (Thriving Communities grant) that might help with this. TL remarked that LBH is not the only source of grants, and that grants are available from other organisations.

7. Membership Secretary (section D of report)

Also see the Report item. OWGRA membership currently stands at c 320. EL will try one more time encouraging past members to rejoin but then will give up.

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

Nothing to report.

9. Webmaster (section F of report)

Nothing to add to the Report item.

PM plans to organise a petition on the road safety on Jersey Road, probably in a paper format. BS stated that Ian Burgess also did a paper petition recently and offered to contact him on PM's behalf. PM also thinks it would be a good idea to have CCTV on the roundabout at the gate of Osterley Park.

Action: BS/PM

10. Communications Officer (section G of report)

E-news

Summer Social item no longer required, as a reminder would go out that weekend.

EL had a query about what the Gillette Clocktower Inauguration was for. TL replied that it was to celebrate the restoration of the clock.

BS wondered why the ASB reporting (paper) form we have received could not be put on-line instead. TL asked to be sent an e-mail on this, and he would contact LBH about it.

Action: BS/TL

11. Campaign Coordinator (section H of report)

Nothing in addition to the Report item. BS stressed her frustration at the lack of response to the emails she sends to Council, London Assembly, Councillors, etc. In defence TL responded that everybody's workload is very high, so timely responses sometimes suffer.

12. Transport and Traffic (section I of report)

Nothing in addition to the Report item.

13. Planning (section J of report)

Nothing in addition to the Report item.

14. AOB

None