

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 26th October 2021 via Zoom

Members Present: Gerard Sebastian (GS) in the Chair, Clive Williams (CW), Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO), Serena Potter (SP), Margaret Brett (MB), Chris Puleston (CP), Alise Veremeja (AV) and Ann Kerr (AK).

Actions from last meeting	Owner(s)	Status
Liaise with possible website volunteer/contact professional web support provider for immediate updating of the website	CR/GS	Open
Find out the current status of the speed camera use. (NB SNT work due to Covid-19 has created delays). CW to also let the team know about a request from Trentham Street residents for speed bumps on their street	CW	Open
New Actions	Owner (s)	Status
Newsletter advertising responsibility: Obtain handover outline from KG. CP, AV & GS to work together until new person found	AV/CP/GS	Open
Seasonal Cheer organisation	AO-M, AK, GS, SP	Open
Liaise with Cllr Humphries about the system with on street electric charging points – who can get them installed etc.	CP	Open
Consider Southfields Christmas Lights participation	All	Open
Consider Heritage Festival 2022 participation	CR	Open

1. Apologies for absence:

Karen Gregory (KG), Charles Runcie (CR)

2. Minutes & Matters arising from last Public Meeting (28.09.21)

- Food waste trial liners: SP fed back an update from Tom Newman (Wandsworth) - the equipment has all now arrived; it will be delivered to residents on the Grid next week with the first collection to be on Thursday 11th November.

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- None other than those to be covered in this meeting

3. AELTC update: anything needed? – All

- MB explained that Wandsworth has extended the deadline for comments to 5th November and is still posting objections, of which there are now over 510. Merton may still be taking comments, but they can't change their website. There are apparently over 1000 objections. A procedural point has arisen that Merton has not followed the current local plan – it can't accept an outline planning application for a Heritage Site. It is possible they will be open to a judicial review if they do go ahead
- AO-M: Merton has indicated it will take comments/oppositions until the time the application is heard, ie December at the earliest.
- The AELTC Community Day on 28th November – it is not clear how to register

4. Advertising responsibility for Newsletter (Karen Gregory)

KG has sent an email to the Committee to explain the current position. She will be finalising the ads for the Winter edition during this week. Her system is set up and she will ensure that all this year's advertisers will pay their dues before the end of the year. Looking ahead:

- A replacement is needed from Spring 2022 onwards. Possibly the tasks can be shared between the Committee until someone is found to take on the role. NB Finalising artwork and commitment from advertisers takes time
- CP has offered to send out invoices to advertisers going forward
- CW asked if KG could produce an outline of the responsibilities? AV to liaise with KG on this
- KG's contact details to be changed in the next edition of Newsletter

Action: get handover outline from KG. CP, AV & GS to work together until new person found. Possibly advertise in next Newsletter.

5. Seasonal Cheer 2021: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty

- Last year residents were asked to decorate their front gardens etc. and there was a great response. The Group would like to repeat it this year but are mindful of energy crisis so light use/pollution is a consideration.
- The suggestion is to 'decorate' rather than 'brighten' up.
- The date a little later this year; from 11th December – 6th January.
- Photos to be taken again.
- AO-M has written a piece for newsletter. Posters to go up 2 weeks before, just after Newsletter is delivered

6. Participation in Christmas Lights Switch On – Seasonal Cheer Group (AO-M, AK, GS, SP)

- The Seasonal Cheer group suggested having a table at this event in order for SGRA to be represented. Perhaps this could be near the bench; distribution of leaflets could be one activity. GS is trying to contact Sunni Patel and to clarify how the event (1st December) is to be organised and by whom. Details are not yet known. Further discussion suggested once these are clarified
- Local schools are likely to be invited to sing (Riversdale confirmed, post meeting)

7. Heritage Festival 2022: Charles Runcie

- GS outlined information from CR: this Festival is an annual event and will be over a long weekend in May 2022. It is run by Wandsworth Heritage Service, who have invited representation from Southfields SGRA. Early ideas were floated; possibly a sporting link or a focus on a listed building eg Riversdale School. To discuss at a later date

8. Website maintenance: Gerard Sebastian

Rob Kennedy (FoWP) has worked with WingNut on their website. GS to speak with Rob and potentially follow the same path. Cyber security is very important with the website

9. Ongoing updates:

• Communications including Grid News: Charles Runcie

All is on schedule

• Planning/public realm improvements/Allotments: Margaret Brett

The application for a further storey for Coleman Court (2020/0530) has been approved by Committee.

We have objected to the application to retain the new shop front at 243a Wimbledon Park Road (2021/2214). This is still open.

The refusals for 47 Pirbright 2020/1472 and 39b Replingham (2020/0993), both for roof terraces, went to Appeal and were dismissed.

The old Barclays site is being actively refurbished. It is said that it will be a restaurant of some kind. There is some activity on the Haart's old site and the To let sign has been removed. It is understood that the delay on the Trieste site is due to a complicated lease.

The restaurant at the bottom of Replingham has re-opened as a pizzeria.

Public Realm

Contractors are still working on the new pavement outside M&S in Wimbledon Park Road and the parking area is not yet in use.

Allotments and Asset of Community Value

The Rifle Club has made an application for it to be designated an Asset of Community Value. They are in dispute with the freeholder over the lease extension. There is no planning application yet, but this is being monitored.

Other

It looks as though electric charging points are being created at the bottom of Lavenham. The Council has approved a new drinking fountain in Coronation Gardens. The ULEZ has now come into effect.

Action: CP to liaise with Guy about situation of electric charging points – who can get them installed etc.

- **Crime: Clive Williams**

CW is now Chair of the Southfields Ward Panel & can attend the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings, meaning he will have easier access to the statistics and other information.

Crime figures in August:

119 (down from 129 in July) Southfields Ward 18 (down from 22). No road more than 4 (Hanford). Vehicle crime 6 was highest.

CW will circulate a leaflet about car safety. He also has a 'No Trick or Treat' leaflet.

Apparently, there is a general view amongst the families on the Grid to only knock on doors which have a pumpkin (MB).

- **Finance: Chris Puleston**

CP circulated detailed information prior to meeting – Brookwood Road and Trentham Street subscription collections have particularly increased.

- **FoWP: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty**

FoWP:

- Thanks to all those who signed the petition for the earlier opening of the park in the morning. It is now opening at 7am (NB not all 3 entrances can be opened at exactly the same time)
- The new website is now up and running
- The response to AELTC has been submitted and is on the website
- The Dam Safety works are due to start in November. The exact remit is not clear
- Merton have given approval for the Revelstoke Rd entry works (Wandsworth have already done so). Historic England has approved the plans. TfL and some others still need to approve
- The toilet block is currently being refurbished
- Horse Close Wood – volunteers are currently working there
- Bonfire Night – the musical fireworks display on 5th November is going ahead. A Covid passport or recent negative test will be required. Tickets can be bought online. The Great Field will be cordoned off. AO-M will put details on the SGRA Facebook page

- **Streets Reps/Small Business Register updates: Gerard Sebastian:**

- CR met with Ian Shaw, who is replacing KG as the new Brookwood Street Rep

- 4 streets out of 16 now have 2 Street Reps

10. Forthcoming events

- **18th November**, 12 noon: Free piano recital at St Barnabas Church (fund raising for church lights), Sinae Sung and Jianing Ng
- **27th November**: Comedy Night, St Barnabas Church, Paul Kerensa. Tickets £10 from stbarnabassouthfieldsoffice@gmail.com or pay at door
- **28th November**: AELTC Community Day
- **1st December**: Southfields Christmas Lights, 4.30 for 5pm
- **4th December**: Christmas Fair at St Barnabas Church, 11-3pm
- **11th December - 6th January**: Seasonal Cheer 2021
- **26 - 27th February**: Window Wanderland (6th year running)

11. Dates of next meetings:

- **Public: 30th November**: 7.45 – 9.30pm, St Barnabas Church/details tbc
- **Executive: 11th January 2022**: 8 – 9.30pm venue tbc
- **2022 dates** confirmed – see circulated list

12. AOB

SP (as Tree Warden) alerted the Committee and particularly members of Green the Grid to the response from Eve Cameron (Wandsworth Council) regarding the spraying of tree bases policy. Spraying had been observed earlier in the summer and several tree base flowers had been damaged. Exact house locations for each tree base is required if they are to be put on the list of exempted sites. Eve advised contacting 'Sharing Seeds' who "advise participants to share the location of their chosen trees with them on a map to avoid them being included in a pesticide programme". SP felt this suggestion was not practical for the Grid and has updated Nina Kowalska (GtG). CP and AO-M to liaise with Nina.