

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 via Zoom

Members Present: Gerard Sebastian (GS, Chair), Charles Runcie (CR) via phone, 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
Look into setting up a 'litter pick' trial in Lavenham Road	SP	Pause while audit item below is attended to
Consider a SGRA stall at the Church Christmas Fair in 2022	CR	Re-open in Autumn
Write newsletter item stating there are defibrillators at the tube station and in Wimbledon Park	CR	Completed
Organise first steps for holding a local election Hustings on 25 th April	CR	Completed
Confirm details of Heritage Festival 2022 participation	CR	Closed; not participating in 2022
Follow up with Sidonie Forrest-Brown on Public Realm matters	CR	Open
New Actions	Owner (s)	Status
Meet with Andrew Dunley re: Newsletter matters	CP	Open
Set up Street Rep meeting to discuss possible audit of Grid streets' health	GS	Open
Organise responsibilities for Seniors' Jubilee Tea Party	All	Open
Collect information regarding a donation for Foodbank & feed back to Committee	AK	Open
Identify methods of increasing attendance at public meetings	All	Open
Draft wording and vote as to response to Parkside RA paper	MB/All	Open
Ascertain current SBF status	GS	Open
Confirm details of a donation to the Foodbank (Elsenham St)	AK	Open

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

2. **Minutes & Matters arising from last Public Meeting (22.02.22)**

- Item 2: Public Realm follow up with Sidonie Forrest-Brown: to be addressed at next meeting

Minutes & Matters arising from last Executive Meeting (11.03.22)

- Item 9: Newsletter advertising handover. Andrew Dunley is liaising with Karen Gregory re: advertising. CP will send invoices and meet with Andrew to discuss

Actions from last meeting:

Litter Trial: the neighbour who had expressed interest has not taken this on so item paused. However, CP suggested a review of the street health with street reps, using an audit outline developed by the Executive Committee. This might include litter, safety, pavements, Royal Mail deposit boxes etc.

ACTION: GS to host a Street Rep meeting to discuss

3. Public meetings: attendance figures – how to increase

CP made the point that although numbers at meetings have remained steady, there seem to be broadly the same attendees on each occasion. Increasing the number of different people attending a public meeting would be beneficial. A discussion arose, with ideas including:

- Publicity:
 - Shops could be approached to put up posters
 - It was noted that Facebook is not as popular now and that Instagram may reach more people. The two can be linked
 - The Public Realm plans include the replacement of the community noticeboard in Public Realm plans. It is not yet known where this will be sited, but this could be used to advertise meeting dates
- Increase the number of younger residents/parents by holding hybrid meetings, potentially making the practicalities of attending easier
- Look into ways of gaining feedback as to why people don't attend (via Street Reps/Newsletter item etc)

ACTION: look at more ways of advertising and getting feedback. Identify shops who may be willing to advertise

4. Reconsideration of the Parkside RA's paper responding to the GLA Stage 1 Report

The Executive Committee reviewed the context and reasoning for the decision previously made not to add the SGRA signature to this document. The Committee decided in April 2021 that as Grid residents had not been directly consulted on their view it was not possible to accurately represent them. It was agreed to give residents the facts and to encourage them to respond individually to the AELTC planning application. Each household received an informational flyer, written by the SGRA Advisory Working Party in July 2021.

Events have moved on from then and the AELTC proposals have more than local significance. The GLA's Report is seeking further discussion and it is to this detail that the Parkside RA paper responds. The previous decision was reviewed at length. There remained reservations about the wording in the PRA paper, which particularly related to the numbers of residents represented. It was agreed that the Committee will give qualified support to the paper. The Committee agreed that it would take a position to represent the residents on this matter.

The Committee considered relevant parts of the SGRA constitution, including Paragraph 13: *'Declaration of interest: Committee members shall declare any potential conflict of interest and withdraw from discussion and voting where appropriate.'*

It was noted that the website biography of one member of the Executive Committee states that he 'works part time at the AELTC'. This biography is out of date and will be rewritten. Connections to AELTC were reviewed and the Committee was satisfied that there were no conflicts of interest, either now or in the last year.

ACTION: MB will draft wording, circulate and an email vote will then be taken.

Post meeting note: The amended wording is confirmed as:

'As all residents of the Grid are deemed to be members of the SGRA, we are unsure of the majority view. We have considered the Parkside Residents' Association's commentary on the GLA's referral Planning Report. The Executive Committee supports the thrust of the commentary and agrees there are many issues in the AELTC development proposals that require clarification and certainty.'

Vote, taken by e-mail: Unanimously agreed

A further point was discussed, in relation to a resident's query questioning the presence of Johnny Perkins (AELTC) at the recent Public meeting. It was generally agreed that SGRA Public meetings are open to all and that his presence, as a representative of a significant local organisation, is welcome. It was noted that, from time to time, several members of the community attend SGRA Public meetings. These include the local MP, councillors, other RA members and other local organisations, as well as 'Friends of SGRA' such as Friends of Wimbledon Park.

5. Local Hustings review:

- There was general agreement that it went well and was very well organised
- Attendance was good with around 70 in the audience
- CP noted no-one asked about education issues and suggested on another occasion it could be ensured there is a question on all the main aspects for which the council are responsible

6. AGM 31st May: Speakers:

- Fleur Anderson MP, newly elected councillors and Leonie Cooper AM to be invited
- Laura Carleton (Community Partnerships Specialist, TfL) has been invited
- The status of the Southfields Business Forum was raised, with the thought that a speaker from the SBF could help support its profile:
 - From various discussions with owners of local businesses it appears there has been little change recently
 - GS will follow up with Cllr Guy Humphries
 - Other suggestions included liaising with the appropriate person on the council to tap into resources and approaching other local businesses such as the Original Fish & Chips shop

7. SGRA Seniors' Jubilee Tea Party:

- GS will circulate the list of tasks and MB emphasised as much as help as possible in the organisation is needed; please sign up
- The room and the music (Cygnets) are booked. The Monday Club have requested the same activities as usual: quizzes, Bingo, a meal etc
- Advertising arrangements: Posters are being organised, a piece is in the Grid Newsletter, social media, information could be put in GP Surgeries and chemists, Street Reps could publicise
- Start set up time: from 1pm, 4th June
- CP can provide memorabilia

ACTION: MB to circulate list

8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch picnic, 5th June in Coronation Gardens:

- The plan is to share a stall with FoCG/GtG/RecycleMoreSouthfields
- CP and CR will help. CP will bring postcard memorabilia

9. Front Garden Awards: A O-M

- All is progressing well. Details will be put on the website and Facebook
- GS is designing the poster. There will be a QR code (organised by AV) on the poster linking to a page on the website with detailed information about judging criteria etc
- Judging starts on 18th June

10. Foodbank donation: Ann Kerr

AK has spoken to Diana Chitty following her request to RecycleMoreSouthfields for items such as whiteboards/easel/banner. She made the point that Diana had not approached the SGRA, rather we had made an offer to her and that it remains a 'work in progress' with nothing definitively agreed to date. Diana to talk to Margaret Brett directly about the detail of the potential banner. Ideas and suggestions included:

- The possibility of having a photograph of what is donated, for the next Newsletter. Diana is meeting with the CEO of the Trussell Trust to ensure the correct branding
- We could consider donating the labour costs of building a requested item
- CP suggested that being a national charity cash should not be given; perhaps it could be highlighted in the next newsletter and donation made in kind.

ACTION: AK to liaise with Diana and gain more information and feed back to the Committee

11. New website design and build: Gerard Sebastian

The previously presented terms and conditions of the website builder was not accepted by the committee due to its unacceptable terms breaching the Consumer Rights Act 2015 and 2018. It was noted that FoWP had successfully updated their website by the same website builder and are satisfied with the successful rebuild using the same terms and conditions (bar a couple of edits). Given that and the fact that FoWP had successfully used the same website builder, GS proposed to take a vote by show of hands to get an opinion on the level of risk involved and to assess the worst-case scenario if something goes wrong, by using this website builder. There was a majority vote to go ahead to use this website builder, deeming the risk was minimal.

ACTION: GS to contact the website builder to a) again ask if he would consider working with a memorandum of understanding b) to proceed with the build

12. Ongoing updates:

• **Communications including Grid News & advertising responsibility: Charles Runcie**

Nothing new to report

• **Planning/Public Realm improvements/Allotments: Margaret Brett**

- The application, (2021/3379), for two additional storeys at 271 Wimbledon Park Road (ex Costas) is now registered. MB thinks it unlikely to pass as there is a restriction on the height of increased storeys in terraced buildings. The application form was completed incorrectly, and they are now making changes to the front of the building without planning permission
- There are now 568 objections on the Wandsworth site to the AELTC development proposals. There are 22 in support. There is no Planning Committee date set yet
- The pavements in Elsenham Street are being renewed and the northern stretch is being resurfaced
- The flats above old Bulcraigs are being marketed

Public Realm

- Contractors have now moved to the station

Rifle Club Allotments

- The planning application to develop the Rifle Club site as a children's nursery is now registered (2022/1429) with a due date of 16 May. Agreed to object on behalf of the SGRA and to put something on Facebook

ACTION: AK to post on Facebook

• **Crime: Clive Williams:**

Detailed report can be seen at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kc73nxKHFeBCZkH8M-MMLwZW7Fq3-fhG/view?usp=sharing>

Key points:

- 11 people attended the recent SNT including the 2 existing councillors
- The police are still using the old ward structure; Clive is currently collating three sets of figures for: the original ward, the new ward and SGRA area
- The speed gun has been serviced; the cost has been waived by the manufacturer (Truvelo) as the original purchase was community funded and it is not owned by the police or government

• **Finance: Chris Puleston**

- The collection of last year's advertising is nearly complete
- There is currently around £5,500 in the bank; approximately £1600 is outstanding
- Street donations total approximately £3100
- A quote for the design (including artwork) and printing of the newsletter has been requested from another business, for comparison purposes
- CP suggested the Committee consider putting prices up for advertising

- **FoWP: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty**

AO-M made the following points, which are in addition to those made by Nick Steiner at the recent Public meeting:

- Excavations going on for the bund(embankment) for the dam safety works. These are a back up to stop Revelstoke Road flooding and are a statutory requirement. It is bigger than many people had realised
- The FoWP are happy with the way Wimbledon Park Brook is being excavated; this is still ongoing

- **FoCG: Charles Runcie**

- Details to be given at the next meeting

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

- GS clarified that the relevant points had been covered earlier in the meeting (relating to SBF)

13. Forthcoming events

- FoCG AGM: 27th April
- St Barnabas Quiz Night: 13th May
- GtG Planting Day 14th May
- Seniors Jubilee Tea Party: 4th June
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch picnic (Coronation Gardens): 5th June
- Southfields SN Ward Panel Meeting: 23rd July 10.30am, St Barnabas Church

14. Dates of next meetings:

- **Public (AGM):** 31st May: 7.45 – 9.15pm, St Barnabas Church
- **Executive:** 28th June: 8 – 9.30pm venue tbc

15. AOB

- Retirement gift for Cllr Terry Walsh: tbc