

**Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Charles Runcie (CR), Clive Williams (CW), Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO), Serena Potter (SP), Margaret Brett (MB), and Ann Kerr (AK).

<b>Actions from last meeting</b>	<b>Owner(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
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
Organise responsibilities for Seniors' Jubilee Tea Party	All	Closed
Collect information regarding a donation for Foodbank & feed back to Committee	AK	Closed
Identify methods of increasing attendance at public meetings	All	Open
Draft wording and vote as to response to Parkside RA paper	MB/All	Closed
Ascertain current SBF status	GS	Closed
Meet with Andrew Dunley re: Newsletter matters	CP	Closed
Set up Street Rep meeting to discuss possible audit of Grid streets' health	GS	Open
Follow up with Sidonie Forrest-Brown on Public Realm matters	CR	Open
<b>New Actions</b>	<b>Owner (s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Request space on Revelstoke Road noticeboard	CR	Open
Investigate hybrid meetings for the future	SP	Open
Put information regarding recent planning developments onto website	CR	Open
Give details to members regarding SNT and Wandsworth Police Bulletin information	CW	Open
Discuss Southfields profile on AELTC app with Johnny Perkins	CR	Open

1. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Puleston, Gerard Sebastian.

2. **Minutes & Matters arising from last Public Meeting (AGM) (31.05.22)**

- CR received a comment that there are too many presentations from non SGRA groups. Discussion elicited that in future those groups which have their own AGMs and have been set up separately might not be included, such as FoWP and FoCG. Green the Grid could still be included
- TfL didn't attend but have liaised with CR for feedback
- As it was the AGM, there will be a detailed review at next year's AGM
- CR expressed how pleasing it was that our MP attended and stayed the whole time – thank you to Fleur Anderson
- Still to develop - how to increase the meeting to a wider audience. SP has liaised with Rob Kennedy of FoWP to learn about running hybrid meetings and will attend the FoWP rehearsal and meeting on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July, with a view to holding a hybrid meeting on 26<sup>th</sup>

**Minutes & Matters arising from last Executive Meeting (26.04.22)**

- Sidonie Forrest-Brown has not come back to us regarding paving, noticeboard, seating around the tube and the removal of phone box
- Following a suggestion by AO-M, CR will ask Cllr Guy Humphries for noticeboard space on the Revelstoke Road noticeboard

- SP noted an error in dates in item 2: should read ‘last Public Meeting (29.03.22)’ and ‘last Executive Meeting (22.02.22)’

**3. Public meetings: attendance figures – how to increase**

**ACTION:** SP to investigate hybrid meetings, as detailed above in Matters arising

**4. Front Gardens Awards: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty**

- Judging was completed on 27<sup>th</sup> June
- The winners & runners up have been agreed and social media publicity will go up after the Grid Newsletter is delivered
- Awards given: 152 Delightful, 28 Outstanding (equivalent of gold last year). Overall gave out 5 more awards than 2021. There were some lovely gardens, and some disappointing areas
- AO-M expressed her gratitude to the judges
- The awards will be presented at the Southfields Harvest and the Mayor will be invited to present

NB CR has some Jubilee mugs left over should AO-M wish to give them to judges

**5. Discussion re: next 12 months work: All**

The following were outlined:

- Hybrid meeting consideration (as above)
- Push for a SGRA noticeboard in Southfields centre
- Benches – 1 for each park (Coronation gardens and Wimbledon Park) to commemorate the pandemic
- Social events? MB reminded the committee there used to be a Christmas party after the Christmas lights Switch On; this could be resurrected although the format and organisation is not yet clear, neither is the position of the SBF
- Developing the involvement of Street Reps in the work of the SGRA

**6. New website design and build: Gerard Sebastian**

- CR explained GS has this in hand and will ask him to email everyone with his update

**7. Southfields Business Forum: Update from meeting with Wandsworth personnel: 27/6/2022: Gerard Sebastian**

CR led this discussion: they both attended a Zoom meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June with Cllr Guy Humphries, Steve Diamond (Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce), Lorinda Freitas, (Head of High Streets Wandsworth).

Relevant information:

- Steve & Lorinda will speak with Sunny Patel and call a meeting of existing Business Forum members and other interested individuals, with a view to revitalising
- CR suggested a meeting before end of July in Olive Garden
- The aim of the SGRA is to support a Business Forum
- CR will feedback any developments

**8. Ongoing updates:**

- Comms including Grid News, advertising detail: mid-July. Suggestion of estate agents sponsorship (*ref April comment on WhatsApp*) Charles Runcie:
  - The copy is with the Yellow Print Store for the final design
  - The aim is to get the newsletters to Andrew Dunley for 9/10<sup>th</sup> July. 2700 subscription envelopes are being printed, to go out with them
  - The discussion with Andrew Dunley re: estate agent sponsorship was raised previously and agreed not to go forward with it at this time. There is a difficulty of being even-handed and a wish to remain independent. It can be reconsidered in future

- **Planning/Public Realm improvements/Allotments: Margaret Brett**
  - There are only two applications of concern - the Rifle Club and AELTC
  - There are now 386 objections to the Rifle Club and allotments application (2022/1549). They have nationwide support as colleagues and former members are rallying to their cause. They have also demonstrated that there is plenty of capacity in local children's nurseries. We do not know when this will be considered but this application is not listed for today's Planning Committee's meeting
  - The retrospective planning application to change the new shop front at 243a Wimbledon Park Road (2022/1817) has been recommended for approval
  - The Appeal against the refusal for a second storey at the rear of 162 and 164 Heythorp Street remains undecided (2021/4828)
  - A revised application to develop the land to the rear of 235a-237 Wimbledon Park Road (2022/0518) remains invalid and there are no details published
  - The application, (2021/3379), for two additional storeys at 271 Wimbledon Park Road, formerly Costas, has been refused. They have been making changes to the front of the building without planning permission
  - Thai Girder has reopened as Chilli and Beans. Bournes is being refurbished
  - The public realm works have paused at the station for the tennis fortnight. The new concrete block seats, which will act as security barriers, will go where the new tarmac has been left
  - Transport For London is consulting on extending the Ultra Low Emission Zone. The consultation is at [haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cleanair](https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cleanair) and lasts until 29 July
  - AELTC have slightly revised their application in response to discussions with the two Councils and the GLA. This has generated 80 new or revised documents and a further official consultation by both Councils. Merton (21/P2900) until 25 July and Wandsworth (2021/3609) until 12 July. We have been asked to join other local resident associations to produce a co-ordinated response, but our policy is to inform residents, and this will be done via the newsletter. The changes are primarily about clarifying and increasing the community benefits, eg 500 tickets available for local residents daily at the new Show Court and pressing their case for Very Special Circumstances.

Discussion:

- There has been a query to put information on the website giving information about recent developments: CR
  - A piece about AELTC developments has gone into the Grid news by Simon Wright, updating residents
  - AO-M has just received an email from the Capability Brown Society to several parties wanting to 'reboot' the opposition to AELTC and asked for it to be passed on. She will forward it to the Executive members for their information
  - Chalk has new owners, and the process is currently underway
- **Crime: Clive Williams: (**
    - **Figures** are for March and April and are for the old ward boundaries unless specified:
      - March total: 134 crimes (Southfields) of which 44 were within the new Southfields ward boundary
      - Hanford Close had the most with 5; Replingham Road had 4 (ASB)
      - The highest category was ASB
      - *April total (figures tbc): 85 (of which 27 in Southfields ward), 11 in Grid*
      - Police rolling figures: in the 12 months to May 2022 there were a total of 25,814 crimes. Southfields had 2115 (old boundary); within the new boundary were 552
    - SNW meeting feedback: Domestic Violence has been requested to be focused upon. Wandsworth is in the lowest 3 boroughs
    - New ward boundaries are now in operation

- Wandsworth Police Bulletin: CR asked how one can get on the mailing list? CW to send details
- Southfields SNT newsletter includes details on speed and weapons check. CW to send details

- **FoWP: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty**

- Building works around dam and bund is finished
- They are pursuing the daylighting of Wimbledon Park brook as it is too steep and is a health & safety issue
- New trees have been planted
- Andrew Kaufman, the new leader of Merton Parks has been referred to as the new water play didn't open and there were lots of disappointed local people. It opened last Friday. It has been agreed that it can be open for an extra 2 weeks in September due to this delay
- The volleyball courts may be moved to the old bowling green. There will possibly be an application for a third volleyball court
- FoWP has an assurance that Christmas tree selling will take place in the Wimbledon Park Road car park
- There are mixed reviews on the amount of space which AELTC is taking up for the Championships. They had been told there would be fewer cars, but the whole of the big field appears taken up. Since Covid there seem to be more people using the freedom of the park and are less enthusiastic about AELTC taking the space
- Barbeques are not allowed but this is an issue at the end of a day when there is good weather; it can be difficult for the one person to manage it

- **FoCG: Charles Runcie**

- There is a picnic on 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 12-3pm to celebrate Coronation Gardens

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

- AO-M met a lady who's lived in her house for 26 years and has asked her if she would consider being the second street rep for Trentham Street. She is considering it

## 9. Forthcoming events

- **Southfields SN Ward Panel Meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1030am, St Barnabas Church NB This may be in a different room due to the Refugee Café.
- **FoCG 'picnic' in Coronation Gardens,** 12-3pm, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. People to bring their own picnics

## 10. Dates of next meetings:

- **Public: 26<sup>th</sup> July:** 7.45 – 9.30pm, St Barnabas Church. Possibly hybrid meeting
- **Executive: 6<sup>th</sup> September:** 8 – 9.30pm venue tbc

## 11. AOB

- Retirement gift for Cllr Terry Walsh: CR has purchased a gift from Chalk and will present it to him in the meeting in July
- AK has seen that the Wimbledon app has a nice montage of Wimbledon village shops and High Street. Perhaps in future Southfields could be featured. CR to discuss with Johnny Perkins