

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Members Present: Charles Runcie (CR), Gerard Sebastian (GS), Chris Puleston (CP), Clive Williams (CW), Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO-M), Serena Potter (SP), Margaret Brett (MB), 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
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
Request space on Revelstoke Road noticeboard	CR	Open
Investigate hybrid meetings for the future	SP	Closed
Put information regarding recent planning developments onto website	CR	Closed
Give details to members regarding SNT and Wandsworth Police Bulletin information	CR	Closed
Discuss Southfields profile on AELTC app with Johnny Perkins	CR	Open
New Actions	Owner (s)	Status
Proposed bench/resting point on the Grid – further research	All	Open
Liaise with Cllr Humphries	SP	Open
Contact Enable	CR	Open
Contact Sidonie Forrest-Browne for update on specific Public Realm questions	CR	Open
Publicise 'Save Wimbledon Park' leaflet as agreed below	SP/GS/CR	Open
Consider other options than YPS for printing	CR	Open
Organise Street Rep meeting	GS	Open

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

2. **Minutes & Matters arising from last Public Meeting (26.07.22)**

- All matters arising will be covered in this meeting

Minutes & Matters arising from last Executive Meeting (28.06.22)

- See above for detail

3. **Summer thoughts/anything to report All:**

Suggestions included:

- Recruiting new people on to the committee
- Picking up the initial idea of installing a park bench/es to mark the pandemic. Next steps:
 - Establishing cost
 - Revisit putting a bench on the Grid instead of local parks
 - SP to contact Cllr Humphries for practical details regarding Grid siting
 - Consider instead of a bench, more a resting point/urban street furniture. All to research this further
 - CR to contact Enable/Ian Mitchell

- Questions regarding Public Realm:
 - The fountain has disappeared – is it being replaced?
 - One planter tier has gone

Action: CR to contact Sidonie Forrest-Browne with a list of queries

4. AELTC development plans – update on news and proposed flyer: All

Simon Wright has emailed a draft 'Save Wimbledon Park' leaflet, with a list of people/Residents' Associations supporting it. The leaflet includes a link to a petition and a request for people to comment on the planning application. He requested the Executive Committee consider adding the SGRA name to it and suggested other options for action.

Committee discussed this, agreeing that the current stance of informing residents but not taking a specific position still stands. The point was made that a detailed canvassing of opinion/survey would be needed in order to change this stance. The point was also made that the audience for this leaflet is not restricted to only residents on the Grid. The agreement was made to inform residents by:

- Putting the leaflet on the SGRA website
- Sending the leaflet to the SGRA database with the next email
- Include an article in the next SGRA Grid News

5. New website design and build: Gerard Sebastian

- GS has been in touch with the proposed website designer and the skeleton for the new design is complete. GS will update the Committee within the next month

6. Southfields Harvest, SGRA stall: staffing, helping event organiser: Charles Runcie

- SGRA Stall: Amelia/Ann/Clive/Charles/Street Reps (Gerard to organise). Ideas include interactive activities such as a quiz. Subscription envelopes to be available. Display boards are available
- The Mayor has agreed to present the Front Garden Award prizes at 2.30pm
- SGRA to publicise the event on the website
- SGRA is supporting Elizabeth to find a successor for Harvest. Perhaps someone from Green the Grid?

7. Southfields Business Forum: All

- Wandsworth (Steve Diamond, Head of Economic Development & Lorinda Freint, Head of High Streets team) have responded. They are convening a meeting with Southfields businesses and shop owners on September 26th (*Post-meeting note: this has been moved from 19th September due to the State Funeral*). Local councillors are invited
- Committee agreed to stay aware of developments in relation to SBF and to ask for feedback for and at public meetings as warranted
- 7th December: Christmas lights Switch On

8. Terry Walsh retirement gifts & mugs presentation: Charles Runcie

- CR will suggest the following venues for this to Terry and see what he would like: Southfields Harvest, a public meeting or, more privately, a coffee shop or at his house

9. Ongoing updates:

- Comms including Grid News & YPS move from Southfields: Charles Runcie
 - Yellow Print Shop is leaving Southfields in November and co-locating printing to their current base in Battersea
 - Ludo Press is another local business which could be used. It is cheaper than YPS but YPS works well with the Grid News
 - Mid Oct copy deadline, Friday 21st October; delivery 26th November

Action: to look at other options but there are benefits to staying with YPS

- **Planning/Public Realm improvements/Allotments: Margaret Brett**
 - There are only two large applications of concern - the Rifle Club and AELTC
 - There is a new application for the land to the rear of 235A-237 Wimbledon Park Road. (2022/0518) It appears to resemble the earlier application that was approved but it was only registered on 6th September
 - There are now 413 objections to the Rifle Club and allotments application (2022/1429). The case officer is also responsible for dealing with the AELTC application
 - The appeal against the refusal for a second storey at the rear of 162 and 164 Heythorp Street remains undecided. (2021/4828)
 - The work to the front of 271 Wimbledon Park Road, formerly Costas, which does not have planning permission, seems to have stalled
 - Chalk has changed hands and has opened as Wishlist. The work on the old Bulcraig's site is proceeding very slowly, but the scaffolding has been removed
 - There are 935 objections on the Wandsworth site to AELTC's plans. It will be considered by the Planning Committee later in the year, at the earliest
 - The improvement works at the station are not yet complete and the forecourts of 261 Wimbledon Park Road round to Oxfam have not been included in the scheme
 - The hoarding surrounding Thames Tideway's works in King George's Park has been removed. This part of the park is no longer in our ward, but MB have written to the relevant councillor to ask him to pursue a couple of issues
 - Sadly we have lost a few street trees

- **Crime, including Wandsworth Police Bulletin promotion: Clive Williams**
 - CW attended Expo 22 which was a very good PR and recruitment exercise. 'Cybercrimes' was a subject. CW suggested this could be a topic for a guest speaker at a future meeting
 - SNT carried out cycle marking at the tube station recently. Unfortunately it was advertised very late,
 - The circulated Wandsworth Police Bulletin was discussed. The initial GDPR form is now not needed if wishing to sign up to emailed bulletins. SP to send the bulletin with the next database email and encourage signing up
 - Crime figures in Southfields ward have halved since the change in ward structure) and there remains a low crime rate. June figures (old ward): 109 crimes with 43 being in the new ward. 14 of these were in the SGRA area
 - **Detailed figures can be found here: <https://bit.ly/CrimeFiguresJune22>**

- **Finance: Chris Puleston**
 - CP Summarised the circulated spreadsheet re street income
 - Not all invoices have gone out yet, but it is up on last year's figures
 - £2k is outstanding from the spring/summer editions

- **FoWP: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty**

AO-M fed back the following:

 - She is no longer the admin for social media; Damaris Albarran has taken over
 - Volunteers have been watering the newly planted young trees
 - FoWP has advertised for someone to take on gardening/volunteering responsibilities
 - Pines & Needles will be back at Christmas, but will put on hard ground this time
 - AELTC have given money to IdVerde for replanting grass this month
 - Nick Steiner has put forward a proposition to AELTC regarding the use of Wimbledon Park as a car park. It is currently going to be used in its current format until 2026 but FoWP requested the proposal to be started this year

- Nick Steiner has submitted response to the Merton Local Plan
- The commemorative benches which have been moved from near the stadium can't be returned due to the potential flood issue.
- A Landscape Gardener is studying the culvert, but this is currently on the back burner

- **FoCG: Charles Runcie**

- The Survey regarding improvements to the playground is underway. There have been 160 responses to date, a larger number than any other surveys. £140k plus £30k from AELTC for biodiversity has been ear marked
- Water fountain – the council have agreed to investigate and put in a tap for watering
- The 'Walk and Talk' group is now bidding for a Coronation Gardens/King George's Park regular event

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

- GS will organise a Street Rep meeting at his house. New members will be introduced

10. Forthcoming events

- **Southfields Harvest: 12-3pm, 24th September, St Barnabas Church**
- **SN Ward Panel Meeting: Sat 22nd October, 1030am, St Barnabas Church**

11. Dates of next meetings:

- **Public: 27th September: 7.45 – 9.30pm, St Barnabas Church. Hybrid meeting**
- **Executive: 25th October: 8 – 9.30pm, St Barnabas Church**

12. AOB

- None