

**Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

<b>Actions from last meeting</b>	<b>Owner(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Set up Street Rep meeting to discuss possible of Grid streets' health and other matters	GS	Open
Discuss Southfields profile on AELTC app with Johnny Perkins	CR	Closed
Proposed bench/resting point on the Grid – further research	All	Closed
Contact Enable.no appetite	CR	
Organise stall for St Barnabas Christmas Fair	CR	Closed
Organise Christmas Cheer	AO-M, AK, GS, SP	Closed
Contact councillors re: signage across the Grid/dog mess signs	AK	Closed
Amend Public Meeting agenda format from the next meeting	CR/SP	Closed
<b>New Actions</b>	<b>Owner (s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Check details of defibrillators in Tesco and at the tube station for next Grid News	CR	Open
Contact Sidonie Forrest-Brown regarding outstanding Public Realm items	CR	Open
Raise issues around mess and litter around tree bases/signage/litter bins with Councillors at next Public Meeting – 31/1/23. Clarify process for contacting council regarding such issues	CR	Open
Involve Street Reps in identifying missing street signs/sites requiring them. Arrange a Street Rep meeting in the spring	GS	Open
Investigate cost of printing and 2024 SGRA calendar	CP	Open
Liaise with Lorinda Freint ref: Southfields Business Forum	CR	Open
Check in with new manager/owner of Krystals	GS	Open
Liaise with EL-O regarding supporting hand over of Southfields Harvest	CR	Open

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

2. **Minutes & Matters arising from last Executive Meeting (25.10.22)**

- None which aren't to be discussed in this meeting

**Minutes & Matters arising from last Public Meeting (06.12.22)**

- Item 5, Finance: A resident's suggestion of siting a further defibrillator in Southfields was discussed

**Action:** CR to check the details of defibrillators in Tesco and the tube station (and Krystals) and put these and photos into the next Grid News and other social media. Suggest to the resident he might like to take on the initiative to find a secure initiative and SGRA will support him

3. **Tree bases/signage:** All

- Signs across the Grid regarding dog mess are faded and AK has liaised with Cllr Guy Humphries regarding this and general 'clutter'. He suggests a holistic view on all signage is a good idea, with adequate signage and the level of clutter needing to be balanced. He supported discussing this at the next Public Meeting
- Public Realm – various issues are still not resolved, including the surface resin eroding; utilities repair inappropriate; no water fountain etc. **CR to contact Sidonie Forrest-Brown**

- Litter around tree bases: SP raised an issue from Heythorp residents between Replingham and Brookwood Roads regarding litter around tree bases. Reasons for no litter bins on the Grid were raised. **To discuss at Public Meeting**
  - Other items included the wifi structure outside Boots being crooked and general street cleaning. On-street services/FixMyStreet app are available. SGRA role is to publicise the process for resolving such issues. **CR to find out more about the process for contacting the council most effectively**
  - Street Signs: perhaps Street Reps could find where street signs are missing and report back
4. **Christmas 2022 review:** *Charles Runcie*
- **The Appeal** was successful but didn't capture imagination on the Grid as much as previous appeals, possibly because this Christmas was the first time since the pandemic people could travel. Suggestion: to support the prison next year
  - **St Barnabas Christmas Fair:** good attendance this year. It was a lovely event to see and be seen. Other ideas for display on the SGRA stall: postcards, a SGRA calendar with historical and present postcards/photographs CP suggested the production cost would be approximately £2-3 per calendar  
**Action: CP to look into costing of calendar**
5. **New website design and build:** *Gerard Sebastian*
- More than half of the content has been reviewed; GS will keep Committee updated
6. **Southfields Business Forum:** *Charles Runcie*
- Nothing new to report. CR to liaise with Lorinda Freint (Wandsworth Council)
  - Review of Christmas lights Switch-On: The Children's choirs was at ground level, so it was difficult to see them. Audio was generally poor and communication about what was happening was patchy. Father Christmas was very successful
  - Krystals have a new owner/management. **Action: GS to liaise**
7. **United Services Transport Sign update:** *Charles Runcie/Clive Williams*
- HR Owen have responded positively. The Heritage of London Trust is thrilled; a meeting has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> January between CR, Clive Williams, Heritage of London and the HR Owen Works Manager
8. **Mend, Fix & Repair Café:** *Serena Potter*
- SP reviewed the event which had a 'soft launch' at the St Barnabas Christmas Fair. There were 6 volunteer repairers who had been recruited at Southfields Harvest. The event runs with the support of the Restart Project and insurance is covered by them. 15 items had been brought with 5 fully 'fixed' and advice given regarding others. It was a successful event with a good community atmosphere. The next event will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January in the Patio Room, St Barnabas Church, 12-3pm
9. **Trips: City Hall/WRWA:** *Charles Runcie*
- City Hall offer visits for groups of up to 30 people at a time. CR suggested the Executive Committee & the SGRA database could be invited to attend in the Spring. He will confirm details with Leonie Cooper
  - WRWA (Western Waste Riverside Authority) offers visits for either up to 12 or 30 people
10. **Ongoing updates:**
- **Comms including Grid News:** *Charles Runcie*
    - There was no extra charge for the reprint of the missing Grid News in November
    - The Spring edition is due on 18<sup>th</sup> March; copy due mid-February

- Ludo to be considered for price comparison purposes in the future
- **Planning/Public Realm improvements/Allotments: Margaret Brett**
  - The Rifle Club and allotments application remains under consideration (2022/1429). The further consultation on revisions has closed and there are 540 objections
  - The refusal for retrospective permission to change the shop front at 243a Wimbledon Park Road (2022/1817) is at appeal
  - We objected to the revised application to develop the land to the rear of 235a-237 Wimbledon Park Road (2022/0518). There are 21 objections listed. In the meantime the freeholder is pursuing aspects of the earlier planning permission
  - The public realm works (due to end in November) have not been completed as the work outside the station is still outstanding, as are the issues of the telephone box and community notice board. Some of the surfacing is already eroding. MB notified the Council about the damage to the paving outside 26 A Replingham Road and this is waiting on a repair by the utility responsible. Still no sign of the water fountain
  - The AELTC application (2021/3609) remains under consideration with 1006 objections. Although Wandsworth put the further detailed reports to consultation again (expiring 20/1), Merton did not do so. FOWP have just lodged a further 13-page objection
  - There is a renewed application to build behind 24 Replingham Road. We objected to the first application and should do so again as this is over development of a garden space (2022/5276)

**Local issues**

- The Council have refused the proposed installation of a 59ft telecoms mast on West Hill
- Sheringdale School is seeking to build a second floor above their dining hall to create a small hall, a studio and new office space
- The Council is to create a Citizens Assembly to consider Air Quality
- The Christmas Tree Collection ceased on 16<sup>th</sup> January
- The Council are to extend the food waste collection pilot scheme rather than introduce it throughout Wandsworth at this stage. A further 4,400 households are to be included
- **Crime: Clive Williams**

October/November figures (using the new ward revision figures):

  - October: 63 crimes in the whole ward, 17 on the Grid
  - November: 36 in the ward, 7 on the Grid
  - Highest for both months was vehicle crime
- **Finance: Chris Puleston**
  - £6945 in bank. £1190 is outstanding (advertising)
  - Karen Gregory is chasing outstanding payments and doing final invoices this week
  - CP is holding a £1400 grant on behalf of RecycleMoreSouthfields. He will liaise with their committee
  - CP is looking into the pros and cons of moving the account from Barclays to Metro Bank
  - Executive Committee to consider a subscription increase in March meeting
- **FoWP: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty**
  - A large document regarding the AELTC proposals has been circulated
  - Pines & Needles Christmas Trees being sited on the car park was a success
- **FoCG: Charles Runcie**
  - Improvements: the playground is being redeveloped. The Edwardian fountain is being brought back to its original state, including the Aquarius statue being replicated. A new water tap is being installed
  - Susanne Perry-Greene is leaving as she has moved house. The Committee has new members

- **Streets Reps/Small Business Register updates:** *Gerard Sebastian*
  - A 'social' was held before Christmas. A new meeting to be arranged in the spring

**11. Forthcoming events**

- **Mend, Fix & Repair Café**, 21<sup>st</sup> January 12-3pm, Patio Hall, St Barnabas Church
- **SN Ward Panel Meeting:** Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am, St Barnabas Church
- **World Heart Beat Open Day.** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2-4pm, Kimber Road
- **Window Wanderland**, 25-26<sup>th</sup> February. 5.30 – 9pm

**12. Dates of next meetings:**

- **Public: 31<sup>st</sup> January:** 7.45 – 9.30pm, St Barnabas Church. Hybrid meeting
- **Executive: 28<sup>th</sup> February:** 8 – 9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

**13. AOB**

- Suggested speakers for the next Public Meeting: ideas included the local Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and Sucheta Samant from Southfields Library
- Southfields Harvest: there is no new organiser as yet. MB to put it in the St Barnabas Church diary to hold the date. CR to ask Elizabeth L-O if she would like a message sent to WhatsApp groups and do a piece for the newsletter
- Seniors' Tea Party: provisionally 10<sup>th</sup> June