

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee (Ex Comm)

Note of meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2024

Members Present: Charles Runcie (CR) Margaret Brett (MB), Kyle Ford (KF), Ann Kerr (AK), Rod Lewington (RL), Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO-M), Serena Potter (SP), Ian Shaw (IS).

Apologies from: Ameet Phadnis, Clive Williams

	Update on actions from previous Ex Comm meetings	Owner(s)	Status
1	Engage more with Street Reps to: (i) discuss possible audits of Grid streets' health and other matters e.g. state of pavements in the Grid; (ii) agree a street rep remit to upload on website	CR & Ex Comm	Open
2	Focus on ensuring increased dog signs in the grid	SP	Open
3	Arrange City Hall trip around New Year/Spring 2024	CR	Open
4	Plan and prepare for 2025 calendar to celebrate 50 years of SGRA's existence	AK/CR/AO-M	Closed
5	Quality check the new SGRA website	CR	Open
6	Consider gender balance of Ex Comm (see 'B' below)	Ex Comm	Open
7	Check if Chris Puleston willing to carry out , ex officio, Treasurer duties until a successor has been found	CR	Open
8	Publish a statement on commitment to equal opportunities	Ex Comm	Open
9	Plan a pre-Christmas social gathering for Ex Comm & Street Reps	Ex Comm	Closed
10	Submit an objection to AELTC Planning Application 2021/3609	CR	Closed
11	Draft of revised Constitution to be discussed at Ex Comm 9/1/24	IS	Open
	Actions arising from 9 January Ex Comm meeting	Owner(s)	
A	2024 Seniors Tea Party to be on 11 May	AO-M	
B	Draft of revised Constitution to be discussed at Ex Comm 27 Feb	IS/MB/AO-M	
C	CR to check if David Boyle willing to act as SGRA Hon. Treasurer	CR	
D	Organise handover meeting between Chris Puleston & David Boyle (now 24 Jan)	IS	
E	Submit to GLA a simple objection to AELTC Planning Application 2021/3609 (see item 3 below). CR sent objection on 17 January.	CR	
F	Invite Superintendent David Bannister and Victoria Oakley to next Public Meeting (30 January)	CR	

1. Matters affecting the Ex Comm

- CR to consult with David Boyle to see if he is willing to act as SGRA Hon. Treasurer (taking over from Chris Puleston). IS to organise a hand-over meeting.
- St Barnabas' administrator to issue an invoice for outstanding payments for hire/use of the hall for SGRA meetings etc.

2. Minutes & Matters arising from 9 January & previous Ex Comm meetings (see above)

- Action 1: To take place in February possibly on a Friday morning (9.30-11am)
- Action 3: now planned for 28 February
- Action 4: to be part of planning of SGRA's 50th anniversary celebrations
- Actions 6 & 8: statement to be included in the redraft of the Constitution
- Action 7: The handover of Hon Treasurer role from Chris Puleston and David Boyle will take place before the 27 Feb Executive Committee meeting.

- Action 10: An objection to 2021/3609 was submitted to Wandsworth BC on 3 November.
- Action 11: The Constitution Working Group will meet on 17 Jan to discuss a redraft of the Constitution ahead of Ex Comm discussion on 27 February. NOTE: the revised draft will need to be available to SGRA members 28 days before it is to be voted on at the 21 May AGM.

3. AELTC developments proposals (2021/3609) – Update on GLA review

To date nothing had appeared on the GLA website about how they (the GLA) were going to go handle the development proposals. In the meantime, it was agreed that the Chair send a simple letter of objection to the GLA/Deputy Mayor's Office confirming the opinion of SGRA which has not changed since the letter of objection was submitted on 3 November 2023

4. Subjects and speakers for Public Meeting (30 January 2023)

It was agreed that Superintendent David Bannister be approached again to be a guest speaker at the next meeting. In light of the good news re the Heritage Transport sign (see AOB at 9 below), Victoria Oakley from the Heritage of London Trust would also be invited. Another suggestion (from AO-M), for a future public meeting, was someone from the Wildlife Trust. At the next Public Meeting, there would be mention of a pavement audit in the grid to be conducted by Street Reps.

5. Front Garden Awards 2024

AO-M gave a brief update. For judges, she was going to ask those involved in Green the Grid. Once the judges were known, she would organise the children's poster design competition. Judging would take place from 21 to 30 June.

6. SGRA financial support for Grid/local organisations

Ex Comms were alerted to a potential request for a financial contribution for this year's Window Wanderland. Although details were to follow, Ex Comm agreed to this in principle and judged how successful it had been in the past. Having said that, the organiser has said that this was to be her final year. There was a wider discussion about SGRA making more of its funds to support local (i.e. to the Grid) initiatives like Window Wanderland. This would be reflected in the redraft of SGRA's Constitution.

7. General discussion on upcoming activities in 2024

CR reminded Ex Comm that as there would definitely be one election this year (London Assembly – May) and a potential general election, SGRA would host a public meeting where candidates from the political parties could speak and answer questions from grid residents.

8. Ongoing updates:

Communication – Charles Runcie

- Next Grid newsletter being prepared for issue mid-March. Also, the plan is to have the adverts in a pull-out section. CR was looking to bring in some help with SGRA social media outlets e.g. X, Facebook etc – since then, CR has been in contact with Kate Shattock who has agreed to help out on the social media front.

Planning – Margaret Brett

- The current applications seem to be for the usual loft and ground floor extensions.
- The Zenith site is being converted to 2 ground floor flats and there is an application to change the flats at 75/77 Replingham from 5 flats to 6. (2023/4823). Both these conversions will involve enclosing the frontage.

- Wimbledon Park Rifle Club is in the process of buying its freehold and so securing its future.

Public Realm – Margaret Brett

- The block seating at the station has been installed but still needs to be finished off and we are still waiting for the return of the water fountain. There was an attempt but the contractors could not locate the water supply.

Local issues – Margaret Brett

- The Hat shop in Replingham is now a Colombian coffee shop.
- Best One has been refurbished.
- There have been repairs to the Sikelia sign board - possibly coming back into use.
- Wylie's Coffee Shop is to go into the Yellow Print site.
- The Beauty Shop has rebranded as Quintessence.
- The Loney Miller site in Brookwood Road may become a café.
- The unit next door to Gail's has been let.

Crime – Clive Williams: Please see Annex A for Nov 2023 figures.

9. AOB

- Heritage transport sign update: With money now raised (including SGRA's contribution), the restoration of the historic transport sign on Merton Road can go ahead in the Spring.

Dates of next meetings & events

Forthcoming Meetings

- Public Meeting: **30 January**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church, hybrid
- Executive Committee: **27 February**, 7.45-9.30pm, Upper Room, St Barnabas Church

Forthcoming events

- Southfields SNT Ward Panel Meeting: **20 January**, 10.30am, St Barnabas Church
- Restarters Southfields: Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe: **27 January**, St Barnabas Church

Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road

Nov 2023

Nov 2023	Anti-Social Behaviour	Burglary	Criminal Damage & Arson	Drugs	Other Crime	Other Theft	Public Order & Weapons	Robbery	Shoplifting	Vehicle Crime	Violence & Sexual Offences	Total
Replingham Road	1									1		2
Brookwood Road		1	1		1					2		5
Lavenham Road		1								1		2
Revelstoke Road		1										1
Elsenham Street												0
Heythorp Street						1						1
Clonmore Street		3				1				1		5
Engadine Street		3				1						4
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street		1	1							1		3
Astonville Street		1										1
Hanford Close			1			1					2	4
Pirbright Road										1		1
Merton Road												0
Total	1	11	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	7	2	29



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in Nov 2023: 63 [includes SGRA: 29]

Other Crime: Other Theft (2) – Engadine Bicycle Theft (1): Heythorp Theft from Person (1)

+Off-Grid: Southfields LU Station (British Transport Police) (1) Violence and Sexual (1)

Heritage Wimbledon Park: (0)

(LB of W) West Hill (0): (LB of M) Village (0): Wimbledon Park (0).

[Information extracted from the Crime Maps for Southfields Ward from www.police.uk]