



Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee (Exec Comm)

Note of meeting held on Tuesday 2 September 2025

1. **Members Present:** — Charles Runcie (CR) Chair, Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO-M), Ann Kerr (AK), Clive Williams (CW), Ian Shaw (IS), Kyle Forder (KF), Rod Lewington (RL), Serena Potter (SP), Sue Wixley (SW).
2. **Apologies for absence** – Ameet Phadnis, Margaret Breet, Will Smart

Update on actions from previous Exec Comm meetings		Owner(s)	Status
1	Focus on ensuring increased dog mess signs in the grid	SP	Open
2	Contact Juanita Stanuel-Taitte at WBC re notice board for publicising SGRA news and events	CR	Ongoing
3	Send updated draft survey to Exec Comm for comment	IS	Postponed
4	Send scanned copy of subs envelope re-design to Exec Comm	IS	Postponed
5	Chase up on progress re Speed Gun (location and operability)	CW & IS	Ongoing
6	Update on Jeffrey Barber how SGRA can help STRA6 (cf AOB below)	IS	Ongoing
7	Invite Gillian Brett (FOCG figurine sculptor) to speak at SGRA meeting	CR	Ongoing
8	Chase up Guy Humphries re review of Southfields' parking restrictions	CR	Ongoing
9	Ensure advice on requesting of fly-tipped materials and also mega- skip days is regularly update on SGRA website and other social media	ALL	Ongoing
10	Offer £2K towards overspend on FoCG Fountain restoration	CR/AM/IS	Ongoing
11	Exec Comm on 28 October to review SGRA budget lines overspend	Exec C	Ongoing
12	Those wishing to assist WS re engaging with younger families to let him before end July	Exec C	Ongoing
Actions arising from 2 September Exec Comm meeting		Owner(s)	
A	Exec Comm to have full agenda item on the speed gun on 28 October	CW/IS	
B	Steve Lane (Senior Parking Policy Officer – Wandsworth BC) to be invited to be guest speaker at 30 Sept SGRA Public Meeting	CR	
C	To see which Exec Comm members would like to attend the Wimbledon Championships Feedback Round table on 24 Sept	IS	
D	Ask Cllr Guy Humphries to update 30 Sept Public Meeting on parking permit review.	CR/IS	

3. **Declarations of interest** – None were declared.
4. **Commentary on matters arising from Exec Comm on 29 April & previous Exec Comm meetings**
 - Action 1: that this would remain open until new signs were evident.
 - Action 2: CR emailed Juanita on his return from holiday. Update expected.
 - Actions 3 & 4: See 5 below.
 - Action 5 & A: CW to contact Guy Humphries to determine physical location of speed gun. Exec Comm to discuss handling and management of speed gun at its meeting on 28 October.
 - Action 6: IS to make contact with Jeffrey Barber before 28 October Exec Comm meeting.
 - Action 12: AOM and SP have agreed to work with WS on *GridKids*
5. **SGRA priorities 2025/26**
 - Updating the Constitution – IS confirmed that the amended Constitution had been uploaded on to the website alongside the notice of a Special General Meeting on 30 September.

- Subscription envelopes/membership developments – IS confirmed that a new set of the currently designed envelopes had been printed and the flysheet going with them was in the final stage of drafting before printing. Both should be delivered around mid-September.
 - Survey – IS confirmed that this would be delayed until next March as he did not want to put undue pressure on SGRA's budget.
 - GridKids – IS confirmed that he would get an update from WS. However, it had been agreed between WS, AOM & SP to postpone the inaugural event originally scheduled for 20 September. IS agreed to cancel the church hall rooms booking.
 - Guest speakers at 30 Sept and future Public Meetings – Exec Comm agreed to Steve Lane being the main speaker, with a 10 min slot given to Ed Pearson (Onezero energy). If there is time, Slavica Struthers-Kennedy could be asked to briefly mention the Wandsworth Artists Open House Weekends in October. At the Public Meeting on 25 November, we could invite the groups under the 'Sustainable Southfields' umbrella as well as the Southfields Business Forum to briefly update all on their work. IS confirmed that Debbie Jevans had agreed to be a guest speak at the Public Meeting in next March.
 - Quiz Night (Friday 10 October) – IS confirmed that a quiz master had been found (Adrian Redgers). Doors would open at 6.15pm with drinks available in the Parish Room, and a two course dinner in the Patio Room. The quiz would start at 7.30pm and the evening should be completed between 9.45 to 10pm. The Entry fee would be £25 (concessions at £22) and the entry fee would include the cost of the two course dinner. The cost of drinks would be at the expense of those attending. There would be 7 to 8 rounds of questions (each round of 10 questions each) with the exception of one round (AOM would do a 1970s round), Adrian would answer the rest. There would also be some picture games.
6. **Preparations for 24 September Round Table on feedback on Wimbledon Championships** – IS confirmed that this would be in the Church at 7.30pm. It would not be a Public Meeting but there would be a report back at the SGRA Public Meeting on 30 September. So far up to 12 people had said they would attend. IS would email Exec Comm to see if any would like to attend – however, it was felt that they should not feel that they have to attend unless they had something to contribute. CR and IS would be attending as this was being hosted by SGRA.
7. **Managing SGRA Budget for 2025/26** – Exec Comm discussed a one pager showing potential SGRA budget income and spend for 2025-26. In previous years money would have been flooding in from subscriptions whereas this year it will be delayed. At the headline level, Exec Comm agreed with AP that it would be best to get ahead of the curve in being open about plans for the budget – and this could be included in the next newsletter. IS would feedback more detailed discussion to AP soon.
8. **Working closely/joining up better with local organisation** – AOM outlined her vision of where SGRA can better facilitate a better joined up approach to issues affecting life on the Grid. Examples of organisations where SGRA had a relationship included Friends of Coronation Gardens, Green the Grid and Recycle More. The advantages of such groups working together would be a more coherent & joined up approach focussing on identifying areas where close cooperation was necessary in order to be effective. What may help identify those areas may come out of the SGRA Survey due next Spring.
9. On updating Exec Comm on how Green the Grid (GTG) was doing, AOM said that there would be an open evening on 16 October and that they were leading on working on a herb garden and tree bases. They would be at the Southfields Harvest on 27 September and organise one or two wreath making sessions (dates to be confirmed) where children could also take part. If GTG could provide plants for 3 tired looking tree bases (outside Greggs, Jade Coelho and Homeworks) – perhaps SGRA could persuade the owners of the shops to adopt and look after them (and who could ask GTG for advice).
10. **Update on Southfields Business Forum** - AK said that SBF would have its next meeting on Tuesday 9 September at 9am. Despite it being a quiet August, members of the Committee now had job descriptions.

11. Ongoing updates:

Planning & local

- House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) application for 10 Elsenham Street (planning case: 2025/2919). SW reported that after having successfully applied for certification of “change of use from single family dwelling (Class 3) to HMO (Class 4) for up to 6 people” in June (2025/1167), the owner has now applied for “alterations in connection with change of use from residential dwelling (Class 3) to 8 bedrooms HMO (Sui Generis) (2025/2919). Given that SGRA objected to the earlier iteration and the additions of 2 more (tiny) bedrooms exacerbates our concerns, SW proposed that SGRA Exec Comm object strenuously to this by the deadline of 22 September. Exec Comm agreed that this should be objected to and that we should publicise the issue of HMOs in general terms on the SGRA website to make people aware.
- Riversdale Primary school: Riversdale have put in an application for the erection of a two-storey building to accommodate 4 classrooms and ancillary spaces, removal of existing single-storey modular classroom building and replacement with artificial grass surface play area (planning case: 2025/2161). Although there were a handful of objections, there were more supportive comments.
- Elsenham and Heythorp parking congestion: a parking review is planned for October. Alongside that will be the review of parking permits across the Grid – an issue to ask Guy Humphries for an update at SGRA Public Meeting on 30 September.
- E-Bikes and E-Scooters: SW wondered if we should we get someone from Wandsworth Borough Council to address concerns and explain what their strategy might be.

Crime

- Updated figures for June are at Annex A and will be attached to the agenda for the 30 September Public Meeting.
- Meetings: CW said the next SNT Ward Panel meeting is scheduled for Saturday 11 October in the Parish Room (St Barnabas Church) at 10.30am.
- Sensors – AOM had read an article in the Sunday Times and felt that it may help if SGRA could persuade Fleur Anderson MP to write to the manufacturers and try to get them to think of ways of making the thefts of sensors more difficult.

12. AOB:

- Contact list for Exec Comm: Following a request from RL, SP offered to look at producing an updated contact list (even though many members were using the Exec Comm WhatsApp group).
 - Street-Reps evening get together: CR said he would ask KF to organise another Street Reps get together – details to follow.
 - Fly tipping: CR wondered if the fly-tipping issues mentioned earlier in the year were still relevant. He was told that fly tipping was still an issue though it was recognised that the Wandsworth Borough Council was being more efficient and effective in clearing it away.
 - SGRA Secretary: IS said that come the AGM, he would not be seeking re-election to the SGRA Secretary post – he will have done three years by then. Although he would happily sit on the Exec Comm (if elected) he wanted to explore other opportunities outside SGRA.
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Forthcoming meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **30 September**, 7.30-9.15pm, Parish Room, St Barnabas Church

Forthcoming events

- Southfields Harvest & Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **27 September**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Wandsworth Artists’ Open House, **4/5 & 11/12 October**, venues tbc
- SNT Ward Panel Meeting, **11 October**, 10.30am, St Barnabas Church
- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **15 November**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church.

Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road**June 2025**

June 2025	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
Brookwood Road	1											1
Lavenham Road										1		1
Revelstoke Road										1		1
Elsenham Street										2		2
Heythorp Street										4		4
Clonmore Street	1											1
Engadine Street						1						1
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street		1								1		2
Astonville Street						1						1
Hanford Close			1				1				4	6
Pirbright Road	2											2
Merton Road		1										1
Total	4	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	10	4	24



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in June 2025: 86 [SGRA: 24 & Rest of Ward: 62]

Heritage Wimbledon Park: (1)

(LB of W) West Hill (1): (LB of M) Village (0): Wimbledon Park (0).

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