



THE WEST CHISWICK & GUNNERSBURY SOCIETY

Residents Meeting --29th June, 2015

Held at Age UK Hall, Oxford Road North at 7.30pm

MINUTES

In Attendance:	Marie Rabouhans	(Chairman)
	Adam O'Neill	(Vice Chairman)
	Gerald Smith	(Treasurer)
	Don Osborne	(Secretary)
	Nic Atkinson	(Management Committee)
	Richard Hoskyns	(Management Committee)
	Anna Rumian	(Management Committee)
	Terry Thorn	(Management Committee)
	Sarah Thorn	(Management Committee)

Together with 26 other Members and residents.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the Members and other residents to this public meeting. Apologies were received from Chris Jenks and Robert Hare.

The Chairman also welcomed Mr Rob Gillespie, Service Director of Hounslow Highways.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM on 9th February, 2015 were accepted as a true record and will be put before the next AGM for approval.

3. Matters Arising

- **Moran (now Clayton) Hotel:** The four-storey extension is nearing completion.
- **Wheatstone House:** The appeal has been granted.
- **Membership:** The Chairman thanked the Secretary and the Treasurer for producing the new leaflet about the Society and for organising its distribution. She also thanked the volunteers who had delivered it to households within our patch. It was agreed that the leaflet should be displayed in public places, such as the library, Sainsburys and local doctors' surgeries.

4. Presentation by Hounslow Highways (HH)

Mr Gillespie set out the background to the HH contract, explaining that it is a 25-year contract to maintain every aspect of the borough's roads. It is financed by a consortium of banks, including one German and two Japanese banks. HH is a company set up to carry out the contract, answerable to LB Hounslow Council and its financial backers. A Network Manager runs the contract for Hounslow Council, with a system of targets for works to be done.

He said that there is a history of 25 years of neglect of roads in Hounslow and the UK generally. There is an immense amount of work to be done in this borough. The programme involves an expenditure of £100 Million in the first five years. The run-out of works is on a “Worst first” basis, i.e. starting with the most run-down roads and footways.

Mr Gillespie said that in the first two years HH has resurfaced 543 carriageways in the borough and has 413 footway schemes either completed or in progress. A major part of the work was to install 13,800 new LED lights which use less electricity and so save the Council money.

The condition of the roads and footways is assessed every year. The road signs and surface markings are replaced to compliance standards. The aim is to effect long-life solutions, so that the improvements endure.

The programme is run from a Network Hub. The head of the business centre is Tim Hurley.

After his presentation, Mr Gillespie took questions from the floor. A detailed account of the Question-and-Answer session is given in an Annex to these minutes. The general drift of the questions related to breakdowns in communication between the residents and HH. Also raised were questions about the prioritisation process for the works and tree management.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gillespie, who left to applause.

5. Update and Discussion of Current Planning Issues

- **Empire House site:** A judicial review process has been started. There will be a public meeting at 7.30 pm on the 9th July at Christ Church, Turnham Green. Society Members will be encouraged to attend and to contribute to the crowd-funding of the legal costs of the challenge.
- **Brentford Football Stadium:** No firm applications for the enabling development have been made yet. There will be a Public Inquiry into the CPO for that part of the land not already acquired. The Society will attend the hearing, if circumstances permit. The Lionel Road Liaison Group has been reactivated, with the Society taking part. It seems likely that the transport and traffic problems will be an issue in the discussions. Members reiterated their concern as to the lack of affordable housing.
- **The Great West Corridor; Kew Gate:** The proposals for significant development of this area will involve a partial review of the Local Plan. Further consultation is expected soon. The “Octopus” site, for which Galliard is understood to be proposing a 42-storey (140 m) building is within this area
- **Gunnersbury Station:** A paper by Cllr Curran has recommended adoption of the footbridge by LBH so it can be built. The paper refers to completion by 2017, but Building 7 will be ready this year. The Chairman is taking follow-up action. At the station itself, Hermes proposes a residential tower to pay for improvements to the station which might include a new platform. We need to get all the stakeholders to come together to get the station rebuilt.

6. Any Other Business

The Society approves the adoption of 20 mph speed limits on all residential roads and certain other roads in the borough.

Gunnersbury Nature Reserve is holding an Open Day on Sunday, August 2nd

7. Next Meetings

Management Committee, 24th August, 2015

Residents' Meeting 9th November, 2015

Signed by the Chairman:

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