



THE WEST CHISWICK & GUNNERSBURY SOCIETY

Residents Meeting: 9th July, 2018

MINUTES

In Attendance:	Marie Rabouhans	(Chairman)
	Adam O'Neill	(Vice-Chairman)
	Don Osborne	(Secretary)
	Charlotte Aldridge	(Treasurer)
	Rob Hare	(Webmaster)
	Veronica Hunt-Lewis	(Management Committee)

Together with 31 other Members and Residents.

1. Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Anna Rumian, Terry Thorn and Sarah Thorn. The Chairman welcomed Councillors Joanna Biddulph, Ranjit Gill and Ron Mushiso (Turnham Green Ward) and Gabriella Giles (Chiswick Riverside ward).

Beryl Cross;

Before the meeting began, the Chairman paid tribute to Beryl Cross, one of our founding members, who had recently died. Beryl served on the committee for a number of years at the start of the Society's existence and was our Press Officer.

She was always a courteous and effective debater.

2. Minutes of the AGM

The minutes of the AGM on 5th February, 2018 were accepted as a true record and put forward for adoption at the next AGM.

3. Matters Arising (not elsewhere on the Agenda)

- **New Co-op Store**

The new Co-op store opposite Gunnersbury Station is now open. The Chairman had contacted the store manager and the person responsible for community liaison with a view to enlisting their support on local issues.

4. Data Protection (GDPR)

The Secretary said that 89 Members had responded to the Society's email asking them to give permission for the Society to use their personal data for the express purposes of the Society and nothing else. Apart from those who do not have email, this left about 20 Members who have not responded. These will be followed up to see whether this is simply an oversight of whether have given up their membership.

In any case, the Society now has a formal policy on Data Protection, copies of which were available at the meeting and which will be posted on the Society's website.

5. Update on Current Planning Issues

- **Chiswick Curve**

The Chairman thanked those Members who had attended sessions of the Public Inquiry. The Inquiry closed on Friday, 6th July. The Closing Statements given on the Thursday afternoon and on the Friday distilled the 4 weeks of evidence, cross-examination and re-examination of the Inquiry and summed up the positions of the Rule 6 parties – Historic England, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Kew Society, of the Council and that of the Appellant, Starbones. On the Friday the Society's Chairman had, unexpectedly as a 3rd Party, been invited to make closing remarks. These, together with opening remarks had been published on the WCGS website.

The outcome of the inquiry will not be known for some months. If the Council's refusal is upheld, the developer has a fall-back position in his implemented scheme "The Citadel" which was approved many years ago. At 60 metres that building would be half the height of the Curve. The Chairman had stated at the Inquiry that she did not subscribe to the notion that the issue before the Inquiry was a binary choice between the Chiswick Curve or the Citadel (consented in 2002). If the Secretary of State were to dismiss the Appeal, this would provide an opportunity for fresh thinking with respect to this site.

- **Gillian Court; Cambridge Road North**

Proposals have been submitted to build one more floor on a 3-storey block of flats. The Chairman and Vice-chairman had met with the developer before submission and had suggested some design modifications to his initial proposals. The developer had subsequently submitted two applications; 00197/C/P1 for his initial proposals and 00197/C/P2 for proposals incorporating some of our suggested modifications.

- **Brentford Football Stadium**

Lionel Road South will be closed until at least December for construction and thereafter on match days.

- **Capital Court**

There is a new application for the residential buildings of the Capital Court site within the stadium scheme (00703/A/P/20). It proposes to change the design and to add another 14 flats by doing away with the "articulation" of block J. The Chairman undertook to submit comments objecting to the loss of articulation.

- **L&Q Citroen Site**

Hounslow Council were minded to refuse this application, but the Mayor has called it in. The issue of concern to the Mayor is the proportion of affordable housing. The Mayor's hearing will take place on 20th July. *(Post-meeting note: The Mayor gave permission to the application, with two more storeys on one of the buildings)*

6. Green Up Gunnersbury Campaign

We are developing a strategy for the full launch of the campaign; the garden competition will take place next year. Meanwhile, we are intending to get local businesses to come on board.

7. Proposed Changes to Bus Routes 27 and 440

Members should look at the TfL consultation website. The 27 would be withdrawn west of Hammersmith and significant changes made to the 440 route. In addition to concerns with these changes, we want the 391 to stay as it is and we would also like to have a bus route along Gunnersbury Avenue (the North Circular) to serve Gunnersbury Park.

8. Local List Nominations

We had submitted 20 nominations for local listing for buildings in West Chiswick and Gunnersbury, 8 for Central Chiswick and endorsed 12 nominations submitted by others. The Chairman expressed her thanks to all the heritage team for their valuable contributions and a special thanks to Adam O'Neill for his expert oversight.

Four members of the heritage team gave short talks on buildings for which they had carried out the research for the submission:

The Queen's Head, Sutton Lane by Kate Vicic

Gunnersbury Baptist Church by Veronica Hunt-Lewis

367 Chiswick High Road by Stephanie Lang

The Pilot by Robert Hare

Members responded enthusiastically to the presentations; several had enjoyed the informal heritage walk in May from the Queens Head to The Pilot. The walk and talks brought our local history and heritage alive. We were looking forward to receiving confirmation that our nominations would be included on the Local List. We hoped that all buildings on the revised List would be shown on the Conservation Area maps within the updated CA appraisals.

9 Next Public Meeting

Monday, 29th October

10 Any Other Business

It was noted that Chiswick Councillors had invited members of the public to an informal meeting on Thursday, 26 July as the next formal Chiswick Area Forum would not take place until September.

Nic Atkinson said there was a need for measures to enforce the speed limits in Wellesley Road.

Signed by the Chairman:

Date