



THE WEST CHISWICK & GUNNERSBURY SOCIETY

Residents Meeting: 19th June 2023
Held at Age Concern Hall, Chiswick W4
At 7.30 pm

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Marie Rabouhans	(Chairman)
Adam O'Neill	(Vice-Chairman)
Charlotte Aldridge	(Treasurer)
Rob Hare	(Webmaster)
Terry Thorn	(Management Committee)

Together with 6 Members and Residents.

1. Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Kate Vicic, Don Osborne, Veronica Hunt Lewis, Cllr Joanna Biddolph

2. Minutes

- The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Monday 20th February 2023 (available on website) were reviewed with no requests for amendment and will be formally adopted at the next AGM..

3. Matters Arising (not elsewhere on the Agenda)

- The Chair drew attention to the upcoming events in Gunnersbury Park, and reminded those present that the next Chiswick Area Forum meeting (to be held on Tuesday 20th June) will focus mainly on this topic, with the CEO of Gunnersbury Park CIC due to speak.
- The Society was represented at the recent Community Liaison meeting at the Chiswick Business Park. The security barricades at the entrances to the Park are due to be dismantled in the near future.

4. Update on current planning issues

The Chair raised the following:

- **Gunnersbury Court and Oxford Road North:** Both these building projects (demolition of garages and erection of new social housing) have commenced.
- **J C Decaux Hubs:** Two new illuminated hubs (one outside Wolfe Vets and the other by Chiswick Green) to which the Society objected, have been refused planning. There is however, still the issue of the hub outside 426 Chiswick High Road which, in breach of planning conditions, was placed in the middle of the pavement and obstructs pedestrian use as well as obscuring vision (unlike its

predecessor which was smaller, on a stem rather than a solid base, and placed at the roadside.)

- **40 Thorney Hedge Road:** Two flats and a studio have been approved in the redevelopment of this double fronted residential property in a Conservation Area. As a result of the Society's submission, a section of the front garden must be made over to planting, rather than being subsumed in waste bin and bike storage structures.
- **38 Wellesley Road:** The Society objected to the proposed extensions (P2023/0722, planning ref 0177/38/P2) and a new application is to be expected.

5. Green up Gunnersbury:

- The meanwhile garden is due for some restocking and watering is a high priority at the moment. Anyone willing to help should notify Charlotte Aldridge and we will need a summer rota. There is a tap available in the CBP which we are authorised to use which may help with transporting water. Signage will be installed in July.
- The tulips and poppies at the end of Thorney Hedge Road have been much appreciated by residents, and thanks go to Keith Clarke and Sue Perse for their help in keeping this bed going.

6. Evolution of our Society; members' survey:

- The survey was carried out in May and we would like to thank all members who took the trouble to respond. It is clear from the results that we need to recruit a number of new, younger members, who can inject new ideas and take the Society forward. In the meantime, the Committee continues to work to raise the profile of the Society.

7. Date of next public meeting: Monday 6th November 7.30 pm.

8. Any Other Business:

- The development of 41 Thorney Hedge Road was raised, with a query as to whether this was a cellar development. (Note – for anyone interested there is a basement component to the development of the rear extension to this property (41B) for details see Planning ref 01221/41B/P2 dated 13.4.22)

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm for the subsequent summer social.