

HAM AND PETERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held at 127 Perryfield Way on
Tuesday 18th August 2015 commencing at 7.45pm**

1. Present:

Brian Willman (Chair)
Justine Glynn (Vice Chair)
Petra Braun
Danielle Coleman
Lisa Fairmaner
Penny Frost(Cllr)
Jean Loveland (Cllr,
Treasurer)
Sir David Williams

Apologies:

Geoff Bond
Andree Frieze
Stan Shaw
Sarah Tippett
Siriol Davies

In attendance:

Susan Oliver (Acting
Secretary
Chris Oliver
Madeline Thomas (Grey Court
School)

MT was welcomed to the meeting in her role as Director of Development at Grey Court School. Susan Oliver was thanked for agreeing to take the minutes.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st July 2015 were agreed as accurate.

3. Matters arising

BW noted that several members have still not completed a declaration of interest form.

BW reported that he had met Ben Skelton to discuss his position on the committee. Ben cannot attend meetings as he runs the Youth Centre and so has agreed to resign but he will be copied in on committee minutes. DW talked about co-opting a younger person to sit on the committee and MT agreed to look into a student from Grey Court.

4 Ham Fair and EGM consultation comments

These were received and discussed. It was agreed that they should be combined with other comments received from earlier events and presented by topic but also colour coded by date to aid interpretation. SD to action with assistance from JG.

DW suggested that we think about a list of items needed by the community such as more countdown signs at bus stops. These could be prioritized and we can request improvements if we end up controlling a budget.

PF asked how other Neighbourhood Forums had dealt with collecting comments and dealing with different views. DC volunteered to contact Jenny Frew from the Department of Communities and Local Government to learn from other NFs.

5. Consultation process

BW reminded the Committee that this was work in progress and the purpose was to learn lessons from the EGM. The Committee agreed a list of ways to publicise future meetings and prioritized these in terms of "what must be done" and "what it would be nice to do".

DC introduced a paper she had written on how the community should be consulted after the Committee had given initial approval to policies. This was agreed. LF said it was quite a commitment to hold a series of monthly meetings in different parts of H&P on different policy areas. It was agreed to form a subgroup to take planning further composed of LF, BW, DC and SD.

MT mentioned that the Rugby World Cup was approaching in Richmond and that Grey Court was holding a family event on 18-19 September and that the Committee should have a presence there to get further comments from the public.

6. Drafting Team

LF updated the Committee on recent Drafting Team activity. Members had agreed areas to work on individually prior to bringing their thoughts back to the Team. At national level there were big developments taking place including a Housing Bill. This might include new ways to identify brownfield land but there was no clarity yet. It was agreed to inform the Committee of Drafting Team meetings, and that Committee members could attend in an observational role. Members are asked to email LF in advance if they are going to attend.

7. Correspondence with Cllr Fleming (Ham Close)

The Committee noted the letters that were exchanged between BW and Cllr Fleming about the NF's role in discussions about the future of Ham Close. It was noted that while Cllr Fleming had not offered any immediate action or promises, she had not closed the door to the Forum having a meeting with the consultants.

There was further discussion about Ham Close redevelopment. A new option had been put forward which was seen as a positive development but there were still strong views expressed about specific aspects. There was still a lack of consultation with the residents and

business owners. Costs had not been divulged. The current timetable was no longer valid.

JG asked for comments on the latest proposal to be sent to her and she would take them forward with RHP, architects, LBRuT, Cllr Fleming and Newman Francis.

8. Treasurer's report

JL said that there was £1089 in the bank with £600 needed to pay for the latest H & P magazine then £2400 for the magazine in the next year. She would be looking for more funding. For the Locality Fund she needed to know for what it is to be funded.

The Committee suggested that the magazine should be classified as consultation when asking Richmond Council for funds. It was pointed out that other "village plans" in Richmond are being generously funded so we were entitled to funding as we were saving the council money.

JL agreed to take this forward with the other councillors and BW agreed to provide back up if necessary. LF would also raise this with Andrea Kitzberger, Principal Planning Officer for Richmond who she was going to meet in the near future.

9. To receive Brian Water's report

On our behalf, Brian Water had attended a briefing held by the Department of Communities and Local Government where civil servants had given notice of current thinking going into the Housing Bill. The Committee received the report with thanks.

10. Any other business

DC had suggestions for updating the website. She agreed to email GB with these.

11. Date of next meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 15th September at the Children's Centre,
Ashburnham Road, Ham (to be confirmed)

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.