



Minutes of the inaugural Meeting of the Willesden Green Residents' Association
12.30 pm on 14th July 2018

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed and thanked all people attending the meeting and members who had delivered leaflets. The Chair outlined our aims and objectives encouraging all to sign up for membership of the Association and to get involved. The Chair apologised for the change of venue from the Library to the Park due to the library having been closed because of flooding and pointing out that we had only learned of the closure a short time before the meeting was due to commence.

3. **Acceptance of constitution**

Copies of the constitution had been emailed, hard copies were distributed to the meeting. The Chair went through the Constitution to highlight all the relevant points, questions were put to the Chair seeking clarification on some points. The constitution was then accepted by the meeting.

2. **Election of officers**

The following officers were elected:

Chair	Tim Fox
Vice-chair	Simon Barnes
Secretary	Marilyn Naden
Treasurer	Micala Fox, Antonia Couling*

*Antonia and Elena kindly offered to take on this role on a temporary basis until a volunteer member could be appointed. Thankfully we now have a volunteer; Micala Fox, who will now be the treasurer.

Representatives:

Neighbourhood Police Liaison:	Simon Barnes
Event Organiser:	We have a possible rep here need to confirm.
*Planning:	Need a volunteer
Environment:	Binali Sengul
Website:	Antonia Couling
Social Media Co-ordinator:	Laura Kissel Pereira
Newsletter Manager:	Neera Hirani

*The meeting agreed to seek a member to take on this role and that the Secretary would inform all members about the role and encourage people to take up. And that the Committee would agree the placement.

Street representatives

Street/Road	Representative
Deacon Road	Binali Sengul
St Paul's Avenue	Bev Gadsden Ruth Garry
Cornwall Gardens	Debbie Bennett
Windsor Road	Sarah Bennett
Maybury Road	Sajidah Kazmi
Dewsbury Road	Monica Justo
Churchill Road	Jill Wise
Dean Road	Annie Ferrie
Harlesden Road	Marjory Frazer
Villiers Road	Roy Amott
Osbourne Road	Alex Colas
Chapter Road	Laura Edirisinghe
Chaplin Road	Elana Gal-Edd
Sandringham Road	Judith Ahern
Kings Road	Louise Hearne Kiri Learmonth
Hawthorn Road	Janise Long

4. Chair's updates

The Chair reported on the CiL application for tree planting in the area.

5. Introduction of councillor

Cllr Elliot Chappell was introduced. Elliot is one of 3 councillors for Willesden Green Ward. (The other two were, unfortunately, unable to attend).

Elliot welcomed the formation of the Association and looked forward to working together with the Association on all issues which residents are concerned about in the Ward.

A lively discussion arose regarding the contentious issue of fly-typing and general litter in the area.

Elliot assured the meeting that he would seek answers to the issue and work with the Association to find solutions.

6. Any other business

St. Paul's Avenue - development

Members of the action group on the spoke and encouraged all to get involved in their campaign.

Action: Secretary to keep links with the group and to inform all RA members of the campaign.

Fly-tipping/litter

It was agreed that the representative for Environment would set up an action committee, consisting of any street representatives and members of the Committee to present a strategy to the council regarding fly-tipping and litter and work with local Councillors and the community to seek to resolve this issue. The Chair encouraged all to report fly-tipping via the Brent App. Some attendees said that the app did not work on some phones.

Action: Environment representative and street reps together with the Committee of the RA to organise a meeting to plan a strategy and actions, together with local councillors and members of the RA, to discuss and plan ways to counteract the problem in the area. Secretary to find out problem with app and inform members.

Safety

It was agreed that the Police liaison officer would seek a meeting with the local police neighbourhood team to discuss issues of safety in the area. Would also liaison with Neighbourhood Watch in the area and seek a further representative from the meeting who was unable to attend.

Action: Police liaison officer to organise a meeting with local police and liaise with Neighbourhood Watch and other interested members to forge links and seek solutions to the issues of safety in the area.

Pavements

Sajidal gave the meeting a very informative account of the use of asphalt as opposed to a more user-friendly version of pavement covering. She informed the meeting about her application to the Mayor's office for funding to encourage the use of a user/environmentally friendly alternative. Also safer for walking on – especially for our Seniors and people with mobility problems. She will keep us updated.

7. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Association will take place in September.

Action: Secretary to arrange and update members of other meetings/events. (Please note meetings of the Committee, reps and any action groups will take place as arranged).