



THE WEST CHISWICK & GUNNERSBURY SOCIETY
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 5th February, 2018

Held at Age UK Hall, Oxford Road North, Chiswick W4
7.30pm

MINUTES
(subject to formal adoption at AGM in 2019)

In Attendance:	Marie Rabouhans	Chairman
	Adam O'Neill	Vice Chairman
	Don Osborne	Secretary
	Charlotte Aldridge	Treasurer
	Robert Hare	Webmaster
	Anna Rumian	Management Committee
	Nic Atkinson	Management Committee
	Terry Thorn	Management Committee
	Sarah Thorn	Management committee
	Veronica Hunt-Lewis	Management Committee

Together with 24 other Members

1. Welcome and Apologies

Marie Rabouhans from the Chair welcomed Members of the Society. Apologies were received from Diana Adams, Penny Flood. Felicity Proctor, John Parsons, Margaret Vallance and David Lewis.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous AGM on 6th February, 2017 were accepted as a true record and adopted.

3. The Minutes of the public meeting of the Society on 13th November, 2017 were also approved as a true record.

4. Matters Arising (from the November Minutes)

- 8 Power Road: Approval given for the building to be practically rebuilt including 2 additional storeys; unfortunately the changes we requested were not agreed.
- The Building, Chiswick High Road: A Co-op Local store to occupy the ground floor, subject to conditions regarding times of deliveries. (Not between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm).

5. Annual Report and Accounts

The Report and Accounts for 2017 were adopted, with a vote of thanks to the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Chairman thanked Richard Vinter and Chris Jenks for their independent examination of the accounts.

6. Matters Arising from the Annual Report

- **Gunnersbury Station:** The Action Team met in January. Platform improvements are delayed by TfL's shortage of funds, but the work should be done this year. Talks are continuing with Hermes over long-term improvements at the station. The footbridge from the business park to Colonial Drive is under construction and should be completed at the end of the year.
- **Social Activities:** Members were in favour of holding another informal evening at a local pub. A suitable Monday evening would be chosen.

7. Election of Honorary Officers

The four Honorary Officers having declared themselves willing to stand for re-election and there being no other nominations, their joint re-election was put to a vote of the Members present. These four Honorary Officers were re-elected unopposed as follows:

Chairman	Marie Rabouhans	(Silver Crescent)
Vice Chairman	Adam O'Neill	(Cambridge Road North)
Secretary	Don Osborne	(Arlington Gardens)
Treasurer	Charlotte Aldridge	(Thorney Hedge Road)

.Management Committee

All of the members of the Management Committee except Nic Atkinson having indicated their willingness to stand for re-election, they were put jointly to a vote of the Members present. Veronica Hunt-Lewis, a co-opted member, stood for election.

The following Members were elected unopposed to the Management Committee:

Anna Rumian	(Sutton Lane North)
Sally Thorn	(Thorney Hedge Road)
Robert Hare	(Grosvenor Road)
Terry Thorn	(Thorney Hedge Road)
Veronica Hunt-Lewis	(Grosvenor Road)

Nic Atkinson having indicated his intention to resign from the committee, the Chairman thanked him for his services to the Society.

The Chairman said there are now several vacancies on the committee. Anyone who would like to serve should approach one of the Honorary Officers.

Society Accounts

Charlotte our Hon Treasurer gave a commentary on the 2017 Accounts. She said that although the Society's financial position is stable at the moment, costs are increasing and we may have to increase subscriptions next year. We were still waiting to hear whether our bid for Local CIL funding for some street planters had been approved.

8. Development & Planning Policy

● **Capital Interchange Way**

The Council has refused the Bus garage plus 550 flats development and has indicated its intention to refuse permission for the L&Q development of 400+ flats on the Citroen site. *[Post-meeting note: this latter application has now been called in to be determined by the Mayor of London/GLA.] Peugeot*

Showroom The four-storey car showroom on the Chiswick Roundabout site has started construction.

- Terry Thorn asked about a situation in Haringey where a private-public regeneration partnership was being set up between the Council and LendLease. There were fears that this would result in moving out social housing tenants to make way for a new predominantly private development. . It was recognised that such deals had been made in several London boroughs, for example, the Heygate estate in Southwark. Adam O'Neill said that, while there was no direct parallel in Hounslow, we should be aware.

● **Chiswick Curve**

The Chairman said it is important for the Society to be present at the appeal hearings next June. She hoped to be able to speak to support the Council's refusal of permission for this massive skyscraper, but needs Society members present to demonstrate the importance of this inquiry to the local community (though not speaking).

9. Local List Nominations

The Society is collaborating with Hounslow Council in producing recommendations for the Local Listing of buildings and other significant cultural assets in our area. A Heritage Team is being formed to do the required research for each suggested listing. Several Members came forward to work on the team which will meet for the first time on Monday, 12th February.

The deadline for submitting our recommendations is 7th April.

10. Green Up Gunnersbury

There is a new section on the Society's website about the campaign, including the garden competition, which is open to all residents in our area. As a later phase in the campaign we will be talking to local businesses about greening up their external areas. The competition will be launched in the early spring.

11. Any Other Business

- **Local Elections 3rd May.** We intend to put some questions to all the candidates of the main parties in our wards, Members made the following suggestions for issues on which to pose questions:
 - Gunnersbury Station – access
 - Heathrow expansion
 - Air pollution
 - Conserving and enhancing local heritage assets
- **Overnight Deliveries.** A Member, John Parsons, had to complain about noisy deliveries to business premises at night and early in the morning. This was briefly discussed. The Council has imposed conditions on delivery times at the new Co-

op store, but requiring them to be done overnight. No conclusions were reached, as it depends on the particular circumstances. It was recognised that mixed commercial and residential uses as occurred in Chiswick town centre could give rise to disturbance. Don will reply to Mr Parsons.

11. Next Public Meeting

Monday, 9th July, 2018

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: