

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
16 Sept 2025 - 7 pm at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre, Bradmore Park Road

Attendees – 38

Guests - 11

Mayoress Cllr. Sharon Holden

Anita Malden and Belinda Donovan – Co-Chairs of LBHF Neighbourhood Watch

PCs Aaron Lee and PC Christopher Walden - Police Community Support Officers

Andy Slaughter MP (late arrival)

Alex Davison, Alistair Hudson, R Hysmant, Jaris Jora, J Shoesmith

Members – 20

Lorraine Ainscow Searle, Jenny Abbott, Anna Callaghan, Anthony Cory-Wright, Ian Cranna, B Cruickshank, Gill Dandy, Julia Davidson, Jo Davison, H Greenwood, J Loxley, P Loxley, Dede Millar, Rosemary Mortimer, A Rugheimer, Sumi Sastri, Judy Shaw, Janet Strangeways, M Thirlaway, Caroline Trier

Committee Members - 7

Malcolm Carpenter, John Ashworth, Alyce Chadwell, Doris Clayton, Brendan Smith, Nicki Goodfellow, Greg Harris

Apologies:

BRA Committee – Derek Hodd, Richard Winterton, John Horton, Neil McCarroll,

1. Chairman's Welcome and Report

Malcolm welcomed all our members and guests, including Mayor Cllr Sharon Holden, PCs Lee and Walden and Anita and Belinda from Neighbourhood Watch.

Reports on committee activity:

Membership – as of July 2025 – 542 (522 members and 20 business members)

Planning – Richard Winterton

Richard has had significant and positive engagement with developers and the council regarding planning within the BRA boundary and a few outside, if relevant to our area and the latest planning updates are on the BRA website.

Events – John Ashworth

John organised our very successful events, including:

A hugely popular pub quiz in November 2024

An enjoyable lighting of the Christmas Tree event (generously provided yet again by Shoots & Leaves).

The Summer Social to celebrate the 26th Anniversary of BRA at the great setting in the Glasshouses in Ravenscourt Park, with music provided by students from the Royal College of Music.

Crime – Nicki Goodfellow & John Ashworth

Nicki and John are an integral part of the movement to reinstate tripartite Ward Panels to work with the police for the benefit and security of our area, and help to recruit members to Neighbourhood Watch.

Local Business Engagement – Neil McCarroll

The business coordination movement led by Neil is to enable closer and more supportive liaison with local businesses.

Website and Communications -

Malcolm has been managing these with help from John A, Doris and Sumi.

Streetscene – Brendan Smith

Brendan has managed many issues regarding the Streetscene and the Flood Action Group to date but has now stepped down.

Dates for the Diary

Quiz Night- Thursday 20 November at the Thatched House

Lighting of the Christmas Tree – Friday 5 December

GNC Christmas Sale – Saturday 6 December 11 am – 2 pm

2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

There were no queries or matters arising. Approval of the minutes was proposed and seconded by members present and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Treasurers Report and 2024-2025 Accounts

Members present voted for approval of the report and accounts, proposed and seconded by Judi Shaw and Anna Callaghan.

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts

A motion for the Committee to appoint a suitably qualified person as Independent Examiner was proposed, seconded and approved by members present and duly passed.

5. Election of Treasurer for the financial year 2024-2025

Rosemary Mortimer proposed, and Dede Millar seconded the re-election of Derek Hodd to serve for a further year, and the motion was passed.

6. Election of Committee Members for 2025-26

The Chairman presented a special gift to Brendan Smith and thanked him on behalf of all BRA members for his outstanding contribution to the community before standing down from the committee.

The Chairman introduced Greg Harris, a BRA member, who has volunteered to join the committee to manage media publications and the website.

The Chairman also introduced the committee who have offered to continue to serve for the current year and stand for re-election: Malcolm Carpenter (Chairman), John Ashworth (Vice Chairman and Events), Alyce Chadwell (Secretary), Doris Clayton (Membership Secretary), Richard Winterton (Planning), John Horton (Promotions), Nicola Goodfellow (Crime), Neil McCarroll (Business Liaison) Greg Harris (Media and Website).

Sumi Sastri proposed, and Jennifer Abbott seconded the motion to elect the committee. All were approved and elected by the members present.

7. Committee Vacancies

The committee is calling for volunteers for the Streetscene and the Schools Liaison roles.

8. Constitution Review and Amendments

The Chairman explained the reasons for the review – chiefly new laws, including the GDPR law, the larger membership, inconsistencies in the previous one, etc. The committee approved the amendments before presentation at the AGM. There were no queries before the meeting, and the members present approved. The amended Constitution will be posted on the website.

9. Q&A

Rosemary Mortimer complained about loud music coming from a street event at the Andover Arms, and Neil has agreed to speak to the manager on behalf of BRA.

Several members reported that the building regulations are not being followed by the developers of the building site at 1 Aldensley Road (the old dry cleaners) and causing great concern among neighbours. (Irregular working hours, odd position of drainpipes, someone living there before completion, etc.)

Judi Shaw asked what is happening with Grove House, and Brendan briefly explained the outline of the planning permission.

Malcolm, the Chairman, explained that Richard Winterton has already written to the council regarding complaints about 1 Aldensley Road and is awaiting their reply.

He will ask Richard to follow up on both issues.

Rosemary Mortimer asked why the post box on Bradmore Park Road has been closed and confirmed that Neil has asked Andy Slaughter to advise. She is concerned about a reduced service in the conservation area.

A guest asked about the derelict building at the corner of Hammersmith Grove and Goldhawk Road and was advised that a planning application was approved several years ago, but nothing has been built.

10. AOB

No other issues were raised.

11. Guest Speakers Anita and Belinda – Co-chairs of LBHF NHW

Anita displayed the street sign shown wherever a NHW group exists and informed the meeting that crime has gone down 85% on her street since forming a group. She explained some of the benefits include better communication between neighbours, and that NHW window stickers do deter thieves. The groups each set up their own WhatsApp group for their street to keep track of any issues.

She encouraged all to think about setting up a group for their own street and to check the NHW website for an application as a co-ordinator: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us/start-neighbourhood-watch-scheme-and-become-coordinator>

Malcolm thanked Anita and Belinda for coming to speak and Nicki, our crime coordinator, for making the arrangements.

Malcolm invited PC Lee to speak briefly about the next ward panel meeting to be held on Ashchurch Lane. A Newsflash has been sent with all the details.

A member asked him about the closing of front desks at police stations. He confirmed Hammersmith and Acton police stations will be closing theirs, and the horse stables in Hammersmith will be moved to Lambeth. He advised if anyone wishes to raise issues, he would direct them to the METs website: <https://www.met.police.uk/%C2%A0%20>

12. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming, closed the meeting and invited all to socialise with complimentary drinks and nibbles.

13. Drinks and open discussion

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Date _____