

Ealing Fields Residents Association

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.15pm at the Log Cabin Children's Centre, 259 Northfield Avenue

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Present: Roger Jarman (RJ) (Chair), Cheryl Burke (CB), Carol Atkinson (CA), Jane Cocking (JC), Charlie Cooper (CC), Clive Herring (CH), Wendy Hallam (WH), Raj Kapoor (RK), Diane Kerr (DK), Keith Marriage (KM), Sally Malin (SM), Christine Dymond (CD), Cllrs Paul Driscoll (PD), Ian Kingston (IK) and Sinead Whelan (SW) (to item 10)

Apologies: Andrew Dick (AD), Helen Johnson (HJ) and John Russell (JR)

Since the last meeting CD had been offered a place on the Committee which she had accepted. The Committee passed on its condolences to Clive Herring following the passing of his mother. The Committee also congratulated Clive on becoming a grandfather. The Committee welcomed Sinead Whelan, who had been elected following the local elections on 7 May. PD and IK were congratulated on being re-elected to the Council.

2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026 and matters arising from previous meetings

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as drafted. All **Matters Arising** appeared on the main agenda.

3 Planning and licensing matters

(a) Proposal for development of land at Orion Park – the contractor had taken possession of the site on 6 April, and the surveyors had attended to take photographs on 13 April. No works had begun yet. A flyer produced and printed by EFRA had been distributed to households in the area encouraging local residents to join a WhatsApp group to aid communication about the development. The group had 22 members signed up so far, largely made up of Belsize Avenue residents. A Section 73 alteration to the existing plan had been submitted (a 'minor' amendment). The plan was now for 99 units of varying size – all affordable – to be built over 2 years. It was noted that the building facing Northfield Avenue would be reduced by two storeys (to six storeys) but that one of the residential blocks would be increased in height. EFRA's engagement would be ongoing (**action: CA**).

(b) EFHS – planning application for Food Block – EFHS had submitted planning permission for a food technology block. This was for a detached, single storey block measuring 43 sq. metres on the south west side of the site. The deadline for submissions was 20th May. WH would follow up on behalf of EFRA (**action: WH**).

(c) Overdale Road – Works were still stalled because of a dispute relating to the s106 agreement. PD had chased LBE's planning team who were still in dispute with the developers re the local contribution. The issue was about agreeing a payment in lieu of not providing 14 units of 'affordable housing' as originally proposed.

(d) SuDS planning application (Lammas Park) – The low-level fencing had now been removed, save for some limited fencing around the swales due to the new planting needing to establish itself around the main play area. Some of the parkland had shown signs of 'ridging', which meant that some remedial work would be necessary. There was still a plan for some community planting, and PD would advise of details soon (**action: PD**).

(e) Other planning issues – there were none.

4 Transport and parking

(a) Pavement works by Julien Road bus stop (southbound) – the improvement works had been largely successful, however there was still a limited amount of ponding during periods of very heavy rain. However, this did not block the whole pavement as previously.

(b) School streets – six-month review – The LEPS School Street scheme had been in place for 6 months and had largely been successful. Residents reported a noticeable difference in traffic volumes. LBE was inviting comments as part of the six-month review, and RK would respond on EFRA's behalf (**action: RK**). The Committee was reminded that monies from parking related activities were ringfenced for management of CPZs, School Streets, Highways and the Freedom Pass scheme.

5 Environment

(a) Removal of redundant steps from Bramley Road Gardens – progress with replacement planting – the steps had now been removed. There remained a lot of vegetation (non-planted). It was noted that LBE was planning on some planting works. It was agreed that EFRA would not seek specific planting at this stage.

(b) Mounds in Blondin Park – there remained an action for PD to check what was happening and report back (**action: PD**).

(c) e bikes / scooters – parking and other issues – several bays had been painted on streets in the EFRA area; however, these were not yet being used as the providers had not yet enabled the spaces on their platforms. Progress was being sought from the providers (**action PD**).

(d) Alleyways in the vicinity of Chandos Avenue – There continued to be incidents of fly-tipping, and drug dealing. PD had referred to the alley gate fund at a previous meeting with DK, and so this remained an option. However, there were a number of actions associated with taking forward an application for an alley gate: seeking unanimity from residents on installation of a gate; agreeing arrangements regarding keys; agreeing a central point of contact. It was noted that the issues with the alleyway were a ward priority from a crime perspective, but it was proving difficult to energise residents. Monitoring brief to be maintained (**action: DK**).

(e) Pavement conditions / trip hazards – there continued to be issues with tree roots and pavements cracking. All residents were urged to report incidents to LBE (**action: all**).

(f) Plants bed at Plough Junction – A paper was distributed on a proposal for community gardening for the area, written by SM, WH and DK (*Bright and Beautiful – proposal to establish a working group of EFRA, building wider community involvement in greening our local area*) – the plan was to ensure sustainable management of the two flowerbeds at the Plough junction, and then grow further local community gardening from there – alongside Northfield Avenue, outside Northfields tube station and perhaps on the tube platform. The plan covered funding, partnership, publicity, and branding. The Committee agreed this was an excellent proposal and gave its full support for the planned programme (**action: SM, WH, DK**).

(g) Tree management / street cleaning – There would be more street cleaning in the New Year. EFRA would continue to maintain a watching brief.

(h) Local summer festivals – potential impacts on the local community – The plans for Gunnersbury Park's 100th birthday party over the May Bank Holiday were noted. HP had reported back separately on the plans for the Junction 2 Festival this year.

(i) Other environment matters – There were no further matters to report.

6 Feedback from Ealing Community Market Place, 27th March 2026 - SM had attended this event, which had been put together by the Peabody Trust. Other attendees included Freshwater Foundation and Ealing Exchange. There had been opportunities to discuss small grant applications.

7 Community safety

RK reported that the last police ward meeting had covered: anti-social behaviour and use of mopeds in Blondin Park; the issues with the Chandos Avenue alleyway; car crime (which was generally low currently); general crime levels (also low currently); and Met Engage. The Cuppa with a Copper initiative was continuing at the library and at Costa, SE Road. Overall, the picture was positive, and the Police would attend the AGM on 10th June.

8 Heathrow – Runway 3

RJ reported that he and CH had attended the HACAN AGM, at which Ruth Cadbury MP had been in attendance (Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Transport). He reported that the government was due to make a final decision about R3 by the end of the year.

9 Any other business

There was no other business.

10 Date of next Committee meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7:15pm subject to the Log Cabin's availability.

11 Treasurer's report

(a) Draft accounts 2025/26 – these had been circulated for information and would be presented at the AGM on 10th June.

(b) Progress creating a 'donate' button for the website – HP and CB would meet soon to resolve some final issues with making the button live (**actioned - this was now enabled**). CC and HP would investigate enabling *SumUp/Stripe* payments for the AGM on 10th June.

12 Membership matters / newsletter / e-newsletter / website

(a) AGM 10th June matters – printed 'newsletter' produced by RJ; JC had worked with Committee members and Street Reps to distribute newsletter (**now actioned**);

arrangements for AGM – committee members were asked to arrive by 6:45pm to assist with set up.

(b) Membership report – CH reported that there were currently 340 members, with 240 paid up as of 30th April. Subs would continue to be set at £3 per household.

(c) Website development update – see 11(b) above re the donate button.

(d) WhatsApp group for EFRA – this was now up and running.