

Ealing Fields Residents Association

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 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) (from item 5), Andrew Dick (AD), Clive Herring (CH), Wendy Hallam (WH), Raj Kapoor (RK), Diane Kerr (DK), Sally Malin (SM), Keith Marriage (KM), John Russell (JR), Christine Dymond (CD); Cllrs Paul Driscoll (PD) and Ian Kingston (IK) (to item 10)

Apologies: Charlie Cooper (CC), Helen Johnson (HJ) and Cllr Sinead Whelan (SW)

2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2026 and matters arising from previous meetings

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as drafted, subject to correction of the list of attendees (JR had been in attendance). All **Matters Arising** appeared on the main agenda.

3 AGM 10th June 'wash up'

All agreed that it had been a successful AGM with numbers being higher than expected. The positive atmosphere was also noted. The draft minutes would be added to the website shortly (**complete**). Matters arising from the AGM were considered as follows:

- Blondin Park astro / all-weather football pitches – no further updates had been received on when the planning application was to be made.
- Ealing Christian Centre – no further news on when the works would start.
- Overdale Road development – issues with rat infestations and Japanese knotweed.

4 Planning and licensing matters

(a) Proposal for development of land at Orion Park – the WhatsApp group was working well – the main concern of residents was land contamination, given the prior land use (concerns related to petrochemicals and asbestos). Sovereign Network Group (SNG) had come up with a suggested workplan on pollution control, which would be reviewed and agreed before further works commenced. PD explained that LBE Pollution Control would review the site from a technical perspective to check on chemical contamination. CA reported that other issues raised by residents included: loss of daylight, noise nuisance, overlooking from the roof terrace, parking shortages and security concerns both during and after the build connected to an area at the back of the site which might attract ASB. CA would be drawing together all the feedback, and the draft response would be circulated for comment ahead of the deadline of 12 August (**complete**).

(b) Development of land behind Overdale Road – Works were still stalled following the s106 notice associated with the development. RJ had suggested that the Council could take on the management of 14 units of social housing; however, PD said that the site was likely to be too small for LBE to take on.

(c) SuDS planning application (Lammas Park) – There remained a plan for some community planting, and PD would advise of details soon – once the weather was cooler. (**Action PD**)

(d) EFHS – planning application for Food Block – EFHS had submitted planning permission for a food technology block. The decision from LBE was still pending.

(e) Distribution of weekly planning notices - The Committee considered how to systematically deal with planning applications. It was agreed that the current approach would be maintained. Although RJ said it would still be helpful if a Committee member would take on the role of proactively monitoring planning applications for the EFRA area.

(f) Mount Carmel School swimming pool – This had been raised by residents at the AGM, with concerns having centred on the noise and lack of notice provided ahead of the build. It appeared that the build had secured planning permission, albeit as a temporary structure.

(g) Other planning issues – Roof works were taking place at LEPS over the summer holidays. Residents were asked to route any concerns about noise nuisance etc through RK, who would liaise with the school. There were no other issues to raise.

5 Transport and parking

(a) School streets – six-month review – LBE had invited comments as part of the six-month review, and RK had responded on EFRA's behalf with a positive response.

(a) White line marking – current policy / practice – Members were advised that once road markings had worn away to about 30%, then LBE would conduct repainting works. LBE did undertake regular inspections, and there had been some activity on this in recent weeks. Residents were also able to raise concerns through the Love Clean Street app.

6 Environment

(a) Mounds in Blondin Park – the action for PD to follow up would be deleted as there no longer appeared to be an issue with mounds.

(b) e bikes / scooters – parking and other issues – the newly installed bays were now being used. There appeared to be an issue with the parking of e-bikes outside Pickering House on Windmill Road – there was not currently a bay, and it was agreed that there needed to be one; the number of bays in the area needed to be sufficient for the number of bikes. PD reported that there were around 2 million e-bike journeys in LBE last year. There were caps on the number of bikes – 1,800 currently for LBE (Voi had 500 and Lime had 1,300; Forest did not currently cover LBE [to check]). The Met Police's crack-down on illegal e-bikes currently was noted.

(c) Alleyways in the vicinity of Chandos Avenue – There continued to be incidents of fly-tipping, with one incident having been reported four times. There was also an issue with graffiti on a fence in the alleyway which IK was following up. The general state of a fence which had collapsed was discussed – including who was responsible for repairing / replacing it. DK would liaise with the owner of 2 Chandos Avenue and try to arrange for a copy of the deed to be sent to IK to pick up with LBE (**action DK/LK**).

(d) 'Bright and Beautiful' (B&B) initiative – SM reported on latest developments including very positive engagement with LBE; the officer had seen a draft of the plan for works and had been content for the initiative to proceed. B&B had also managed to link up with activity already underway via other gardening initiatives. Various activities were planned for Climate Action Week (particularly the two Saturdays – 19 and 27 September), with some work on the flowerbeds planned as well as some educational activities. The library was also going to put on a talk on gardening in a challenging climate and put up a window display. It was agreed that this would be a good item for the next e-newsletter.

(e) Building works at LEPS and Mount Carmel Schools – see above.

(f) Tree management / street cleaning – There was an increased risk of branch fall given the very dry and very hot weather, so residents were warned to take extra care near the bigger trees in the local streets and parks. Any specific concerns could be raised via the Love Clean Streets app.

(h) Local summer festivals update – It was agreed that the festivals in Walpole Park had been a great success again this year. The Junction 2 festival in Boston Manor Park was midway through the two weekend events – there had been some concerns raised about ASB by some residents online, and it was noted that for the coming weekend the route to the park would need to be via non-Piccadilly line stations owing to line closures.

(i) Other environment matters – Concerns had been raised about the state of the pavements in the area, which were now very dirty and sticky following the very hot, dry spell.

PD explained that the team at LBE responsible for street-washing was also responsible for graffiti removal, and the latter was given priority. Any specific concerns could be raised via the Love Clean Streets app. There were no further matters to report.

7 LBE's 'Town Team' initiative

RJ and RK had been appointed to Central Ealing's Town Team. A meeting would be taking place next week in West Ealing, and RJ and RK would report back at the next meeting.
(Action RJ/RK)

8 Community safety / Ward Forum 15th July feedback

RK reported that he and others had attended the Ward Forum on 15th July. There had been a significant increase in burglaries which was being put down to the number of ground floor windows being left open owing to the extremely hot weather. The issues with e-bikes in Blondin Park had also been discussed. Finally, there had been several instances of ASB involving kicking front doors late at night, which was very disturbing and upsetting for residents who were targeted. It was likely to be driven by a social media trend – all cases should be reported to the police.

9 Heathrow – Runway 3 – note current [government consultation](#)

The government had launched a consultation on 18 June 2026 on the framework for future planning decisions for Heathrow's third runway. RJ would decide whether EFRA should submit a formal response (**Action RJ**). Issues of funding, impact on the climate crisis and the change of PM were all raised in discussion.

10 Any other business

There was no other business.

11 Date of next Committee meeting

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

12 EFRA Committee for 2026/27 – all posts subject to re-election

The following appointments were agreed:

Chair – RJ; Vice Chair – WH; Secretary/Treasurer – HP; Membership Secretary – CH; Transport and Parking/Community Safety – RK; Website – CB; Heathrow – KM; 'Bright and Beautiful' – WH/SM

13 Treasurer's report

HP reported that the current bank balance was £3,502.27. The only expenditure in July had been the cost of webhosting (£42).

14 Membership matters / newsletter / e-newsletter / website

(a) Membership report – CH reported that there were currently 340 households, with 184 paid up for the current year including 22 new households.

(b) Website development update – photographs would be added to updates, which it was agreed would be a positive development.

(e) Newsletter – the next e-newsletter would be dispatched in October [subsequently an e-newsletter was produced in August to cover issues which arose in July/August] .