

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 25th April 2023 – 7.30 for 7.45 pm

The AGM will be held in the Parish Hall of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Witham Road. If you arrive by car, please use the car park at the rear of the building and make sure that no valuables are on view. All residents are welcome.

1. Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Committee Report for 2022/2023
4. Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 March 2023
5. Appointment of Treasurer and Committee members
6. Appointment of 2 Auditors
7. Election of representative to HACAN
8. Consider the recommendation that the subscription for 2023/2024 should be held at £5 per household and £2 per affiliated blocks
9. Open Forum

General Notes

Membership of the Association is open to households in the area as follows:- Spring Grove Road (from Thornbury Road to Taunton Avenue), Spencer Road, Burlington Road, Eversley Crescent, Witham Road, The Drive, Worton Gardens, Vincent Road, Worton Way, The Close and Herbert Place.

The Association has established itself as an organised body to represent and protect the interests of local residents based upon the following three main objectives:-

1. To protect and improve the quality of the area
2. To inform members of any proposed developments that may affect amenities in the area
3. To present the view of the Association to the appropriate organisations, agencies and elected members of Local and Central Government.

We are non-political and non-sectarian, our sole aim being to protect the interests of the residents in the area. The Association is affiliated to HACAN and to CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England).

AT THE END OF THE MEETING THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY SOME WINE AND CHEESE AND TO SOCIALISE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS, COUNCILLORS AND COMMITTEE.

PLEASE NOTE:

Subscriptions for the year 2023/24 may be paid to the Treasurer at the end of the meeting, or at a later date.

Nominations for the posts of Treasurer and other Committee members may be made by members of the Association on the slip below. Nominations should be received by the outgoing Committee not later than seven days prior to the meeting.

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I/we the undersigned member(s) of the Association

.....of (address).....

.....of (address).....

Nominate (with his/her consent)of (address).....

for the post of.....for the year 2023/2024

COMMITTEE REPORT 2022-2023

After the uncertainties of the last few years, activities during the year 2022/2023 returned to normal. In fact, the year has proved to be very successful.

The AGM for 2021/2022 was held on the 19th April 2022 and Committee Meetings took place every month. Newsletters (now in colour) were distributed regularly throughout the year. The SGRA Flyer has been updated.

As a result of Council Ward changes, from May this year that part of the SGRA area in Hounslow Central Ward is now in Hounslow East Ward. The new Councillors are Mr Junue Meah and Ms Daanish Saeed.

It took quite some time and with considerable support from Cllr Chaudri, but finally in June our application for us to use the Spencer Road Green Space was successful. After the Council sought legal advice the area (which in future will be referred to as 'The Green') cannot be built on and can continue to be used for the benefit of the public.

Our application for the LBH Summer of Culture Grant in the sum of £961 was approved in April.

To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, a 'Family Picnic' took place on The Green in Spencer Road on Friday, 3rd June. The event proved very popular with approximately 60 people attending. Funds from the Grant were used for this event.

Polly and Terry Chilvers held their Plant Sale in July, raising £500 for the Our Barn Charity in Osterley Park.

We have continued to monitor local planning applications and provided assistance when requested, including the redevelopment of the old Currys/Ford Showroom site. A decision on the Tesco Osterley and Homebase sites is still awaited. We were pleased to learn of the proposal to partially refurbish and redevelop the Gillette Building as a Film Studio, thereby maintaining and celebrating the heritage of the existing buildings.

A major clean up by Hounslow Highways of the area from North Drive to Spring Grove Road was undertaken in November with successful results and Landowners issued with Notices to maintain their land. Further cleansing is planned.

A Ward Walk with the LBH Community Development Office took place in September to consider improvements such as planting flowers, installing bat and bird boxes on The Green, general tidying up, etc. More trees have now been planted and several hundred bulbs provided free of charge have been planted by volunteers on The Green, at Osterley Library and Thornbury Park. The Council is willing to consider future ideas we may have for the improvement of our area.

Due to the Football World Cup taking place in December, our Winter Social was held in January 2023 at the Milford Arms. It was a successful evening with encouraging support from residents. We were joined by Councillors Tony Louki, Daanish Saeed and Junue Meah.

In March our application, with much support from our Councillors, for a LBH Neighbourhood Grant of £500 was successful. Some of this funding will be used for the planned Coronation Event in May.

The Committee would like to thank all Association Members for their continued support. Also, Danny Rybowski for representing SGRA on several Committees, Terry Chilvers for assistance in producing Newsletters and flyers, Geoff Miles for maintaining the Website, our Councillors for their interest in SGRA and attending meetings and Honorary Member Margaret Thorburn (HACAN).