

Date and time of meeting:	20 September 2025, 11-1 pm
Location:	Tubbs Road Pocket Park. Tubbs Rd, London NW10 4QX
Attending:	Trustees/staff: Chair; Sandra White (SW); Amandine Alexandre (AA); Ilaria Esposito – Coordinator (IE), Ebrahim Piperdy (Treasurer) Planning Team: Colin George (CG), Philip Fry (PF), Colin Dallas (CD) Guests: Councillors Matt Kelcher and Mili Patel Other attendees and residents: 37 of which 4 were new members
Apologies:	Duane Pearson (DP,) Andrea Burris (AB), Julieta Galarza(JG)

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum – Public Meeting

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Once registered, attendees had 30 minutes to enjoy refreshments, mingle, introduce themselves, and engage in talks concerning projects and developments in which the Forum is involved.</p> <p>SW welcomed everyone, introduced herself as Chair, and thanked everyone for joining the meeting in the park. SW explained that after 4 years of consultation, funding, and refurbishment, the Pocket Park is now back in the residents' hands. SW passed the floor to Philip from the Planning team, who has been heavily involved in the project, calling for residents to be the guardians of the park and approach him via the Facebook group Friends of Bramshill Open Space and Tubbs Pocket Park.</p> <p>Residents closer to the Pocket Park reported that the park is open at night; however, they have seen a decrease in</p>	

antisocial behaviours. Some residents asked why there was only the hopscotch and no other play equipment. PF reported that, due to ASB and budget concerns, the park required low maintenance.

SW reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced the Forum, reminding everyone of the purpose of our existence as a statutory body and organisation.

Agenda:

- **Formal vote for the inclusion in the CIO constitution of the new geographical boundaries of the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum.**
- The Radical Place Leadership Programme, a pilot initiative in Harlesden, is designed to change how the local government works with its community. Instead of a top-down approach, the program focuses on empowering residents and local organisations to take the lead in decision-making and service delivery.
- **Place partnership - getting Harlesden active.**
- **Community and green spaces**
- **Cultural and heritage projects**
- **Neighbourhood safety**

SW discussed the results of the boundary extension and the implications for members living in the newly added areas following the 3-year consultation. SW also asked the members to visit the planning team's table, as the consultation for revising the Neighbourhood Plan has officially begun.

IE explained to members and residents where in the constitution document the map would be included and why.

At the moment of the vote, 20 people were present, of whom only 16 could vote, as others were new residents and had not registered as members. Fifteen people voted yes, whilst one abstained. So the substitution of the map has been approved.

- The Chair, SW, reported on the forum's work introducing [Radical place-based Leadership](#), a strategy used in other boroughs to tackle complex problems in communities. Harlesden will be the pilot neighbourhood, and the Forum will play a vital role. SW reported on the work in progress to bring local organisations together to support individuals and families with complex needs. The pilot in Harlesden is scheduled to start in October, and Sandra will keep the membership

	<p>informed through the newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW invited IE to introduce the London Sport/ Sport England Place partnership. More details here 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW invited IE to discuss green spaces, such as Tubbs Road Pocket Park, and development for Roundwood Park to become the hub for green neighbourhood activities. All parties have now signed the Consortium agreement, and community days are scheduled to restart in Autumn. IE explained that the change of use of the bowling green has been approved, and according to a recent meeting with Park Services, the work of a surveyor to analyse the site should start by November. SW invites AA to report on the work on clean air and clean environment: Church End development and the Green Corridors. AA reports that, with Roundwood Park at the centre of this development, the absence of usable public toilets since 2022 is quite frustrating for all the park users. Residents were quite vocal and supported the case, with responses from the Council focusing on the vandalism of the toilets and the lack of funding to repair them. AA reported that, as a resident, she submitted a petition for public toilets to be opened. 	IE to follow up on the Bowling Green development
4	<p>Picture Palace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW mentioned that we need to implement the neighbourhood plan as a planning forum. Picture Palace has been included since 2019 as an aspirational community asset, and we are keen to ensure the space remains in service to the community. <p>Since the last meeting in November, several groups have applied to the tender. A group called CAVA, composed of local organisations, is currently negotiating the contract with the Council. The Forum is looking forward to the building being open as soon as possible. Any resident who wants to visit the building is welcome to do so.</p>	

	Additional Q&A time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered informally in the networking space to allow more space for residents to ask questions • SW thanked everyone involved for organising an event that brought together participants to discuss a single topic. 	topics
	Networking continued till 1.30 with the SMASO orchestra playing for the reopening of the Park. AOB and the next meeting The dates of future meetings will be on the website; the date is TBC.	

Minutes approved on 23/09/2025

S.G. White

Sandra White

Chair of Trustees

