

**Minutes of Colliers Wood Residents Association
virtual meeting
held on Tuesday 3 August 2021**

1. Welcome and introductions

Kevin Godding welcomed everyone to the meeting on behalf of Zoe Benouali (chair).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tom Searle.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting and actions

3.1 The parking permit issues in relation to Clarendon Road had been clarified.

3.2 There had been no update from Laxmi on TfL changes. Dave Ward would remind her and obtain an answer before the next meeting..

3.3 The issue with idVerde in relation to the tennis courts had been resolved.

3.4 The survey on future meetings had been completed.

4. Development sub group

Phil reported that the planning **application for new towers** in Colliers Wood had resulted in 250 objections from residents, local councillors and representatives from other political parties. The petition to retain the existing tower as the tallest building in Colliers Wood had received 500 signatures. An update can be found here. <https://www.cwra.org.uk/cwra-planning-update-3rd-august-2021/>

Dave explained that the application would go to the planning committee meeting in the next two months. Kevin asked that the planning committee delay considering the application until the Local Plan consultation on the Local Plan had concluded.

The next stage of the **Local Plan** consultation would close on 3 September 2021. Kevin was particularly concerned about section 3.1.18 which referred to the density of population in Colliers Wood. Kevin suggested that CWRA should make a response themselves and issue guidance for residents. The CWRA Planning sub group had been reformed. Phil asked anyone who would like to get involved to make contact. He confirmed that the sub group would prepare a response to the Local Plan.

The plans for the development of the **MertonVision** site had been approved. Work was scheduled to start in 2022. Tom and Tatiana, from the CWRA sub group, had spoken against the development. Tom Searle had made a representation in favour on behalf of the Community Centre and not the Residents' Association. Kevin had emphasised to the Steering Group that they should link with someone from the CWRA subgroup to keep them up to date with what was happening on site. Zoe, chairing the meeting, thanked Kevin for his work on behalf of the residents.

Phil noted another planning application. The Wandle Valley Forum had made a very good response to the proposal for the development of a 10 storey block on the **Eddie Katz site**.

Zoe reported that she and Justin had met with council officers about renewing their bid for play equipment for older children.

5. Friends of CW Parks and Green Spaces News

Maria reported that the group now had regular volunteering slots. <https://www.cwra.org.uk/calendar-of-activities/>

River cleaning had been undertaken in the Wandle to remove litter and invasive Himalayan balsam. Peter highlighted a further patch of Himalayan Balsam. River cleaning activities require liability insurance. Suzanne confirmed that the Residents' Association did not have insurance but said the Association could fund it. Maria would continue to look into obtaining insurance.

Despite Natasha Irons best efforts a meeting with council officers had not been possible. However the group had met with idVerde staff.

Maria confirmed that idVerde would be planting in front of the communications cabinet in the Recreation Ground.

The Friends had tackled the bindweed in the flower beds beside the bus stop.

6. Veolia

The consultation on alternative bins for College Road had been sent out. There had been no update on fly tipping or the street cleaning timetable. Natasha Irons had followed up with council officers.

7. Abundance Wimbledon

Bryony reminded the meeting that if people had unwanted fruit to be picked, would like to help pick fruit or make jam they should get in touch. Fruit Day would be held on Saturday 18 September in St Mark's Church Hall, Wimbledon. <http://www.abundancewimbledon.com/>

8. Survey on future meetings

Suzanne reported that survey responses had reflected a mix of opinion. Alternating between face to face and virtual meetings was the most popular option.

Other comments had included:

- an advance request for agenda items
- earlier circulation of the agenda
- the need to ensure the Residents' Association was more representative in terms of the age and ethnic origin of residents
- councillors check what they had agreed to and feedback at the next meeting

9. Any other business

9.1 Issues with the industrial unit in Briscoe Road had escalated with increased dust, noise and fumes. The Council had been investigating. Phil suggested posting on the Facebook group to encourage residents to make complaints.

9.2 The Jumble Trail has been cancelled.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 7 30pm, venue to be decided.

Actions agreed	By whom	Deadline
Update on TfL changes	Dave Ward to remind Laxmi Attawar	Before 5/10/21
To prepare a response to the Local Plan on behalf of CWRA	CWRA Planning sub group	Before 3/09/21 (deadline for consultation)
Obtain information on fly tipping and street cleaning timetable	Suzanne Gale via Natasha Irons	
Implement results of College Road bin consultation	Suzanne Gale via Natasha Irons	