

HAREFIELD TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chair: Gerard Barry Secretary: Paul Daniels Treasurer: Helen Conchar

MINUTES OF THE HAREFIELD TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' AGM

Held on Monday 13th July 2026 7:00pm

Harefield Social Club, High Street, Harefield

PRESENT

Current committee members

Chair- Gerard Barry (Planning & HMO's)

Secretary Paul Daniels (Secretary & Infrastructure)

Treasurer Helen Conchar (Finance)

Derek Kent (Planning & HMO's)

Howard Dini (Infrastructure, Environment, Greenbelt)

Ian Costard (Police & ASB)

Tracey Blake (Health & PPG)

APOLOGIES: Rev Martin

ATTENDANCE: 61 members signed the book

WELCOME

Minutes of the last public meeting on Monday 8th June 2026

All had received the minutes and they were agreed as a true copy proposed by Gillian Kent & seconded by Howard Dini and approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Tuckwell responded that the double yellow lines on Moorhall Road will be put to public consultation mid July

Cllr Tommy Balaam to advise on contact points for housing matters at the council

Actions

GB advised that at the last meeting that the planning application was put in for Leys Close where we submitted a very strong rebuttal & this was refused. This is the way we go forward, working together, learning and updating our methods so we can have a real positive effect on the numbers of HMO's opening in the village.

GB advised that as this is the AGM we need to complete that part of the process and then open the floor up to other matters at the end in AOB

Chairman's comments & Update

Last AGM May 2025

Paying for library & made conscious decision to hold event at the social club which saves us money so thank you for Colin & Jackie for hosting us every month.

- New HTRA flyers made, please help distribute these to neighbours & friends
- New HTRA Facebook page
- New website

We sadly lost 2 committee members in the last year, Tina Wane who was very active on the environmental side had to step aside due to family matters & Linda King who decided not to continue after a month of joining the committee.

The people of Harefield voted at one meeting to disconnect from the Hillingdon Council because we felt we didn't get the right level of support and therefore we no longer have the small financial support that councils give some residents associations.

LBH changed threshold of petitions from 20 to 50 for individual matters & from 200 to 500 for local matters.

We are looking to reignite the sub committees to focus on key areas such as:

- Widewater place
- Medi parc
- HMO action group

Local elections took place this May & we have a new councillor in Tommy Balaam for Harefield Village and Jane Palmer moved over to Ickenham & South Harefield, GB commented that Tommy was an upgrade to Jane who has been very receptive to the needs of the village & congratulations to Tommy

We are the only RA who hold monthly meetings, most will send out newsletters and hold one AGM. We always want more people to attend these meetings and residents to join the committee.

GB asked what the big issues are for Harefield and the people in attendance stated:

- HMO's
- Widewater Place
- HS2
- Traffic/Highways
- Broader planning
- Lack of presence in South Harefield

DK & GB met with the local Inspector Laura Flowers & a sergeant last week

GB on Hillingdon independent advisory group which is to scrutinise the police & the safer neighbourhood board which is supposed to be where the ward panel meetings go if they have no response from the police.

We will obtain police minutes from quarterly ward panel meeting plus the 2 above groups & in September we are inviting 2 members of police to meeting to do a presentation, we will update you when they will be attending.

We feel that crime relating to HMO's is increasing and we want this data recorded, our policy in Harefield is to have no HMO's and will fight any that are proposed.

AGM

The purpose of the AGM is :

- To provide an update to the tenants and residents of Harefield.
- To provide the annual financial report.
- To stand down the entire committee.
- To then elect a new committee.

FINANCE -HC

At this point Helen Conchar – Treasurer was invited to give her annual report on the finances of the HTRA and it was noted that copies of the accounts and notes to HTRA Finances were circulated that evening.

- £3,370.83 balance in account
- £1,269.00 ringfenced from the align bid for use on website only
- £152.84 balance in general account

More detailed notes have been provided in the enclosed finance report.

Planning summary for the year

Planning applications are down 16% from last year, we don't know what is the cause of this or if it matches trends elsewhere in the UK. Derek advised it could be a sign of the times with the financial struggles or if people are not spending money due to concerns as to what is or may be happening in the village.

Derek advised that everyone is well versed as to how to put objections and comments into planning on the website, just click on the application & insert comments. We must be specific on the comments, comments such as "we don't like this or want this" will be ignored, they need facts & figures & not personal feelings.

Derek said a big thank you to those who do support the planning process & objections, Tommy understand planning please also speak to your local councillor or Jane Palmer if you are a South Harefield resident. We as a Resident Association will support all areas of Harefield.

Graham Armour was invited to oversee the orderly the Election of Officers and Committee Members.

Stand Down of Remaining Committee Members

Gerard Barry effected the standing down of all the remaining committee members.

Election of the new committee members & resolving the constitutional matters

Graham Armour asked if anyone wanted to be put forward as the Chairman, there were no other interested parties, Gerard was asked if he was prepared to stand again

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

Chairman – Gerard Barry – proposed by Howard Dini seconded by Marion, show of hands carried unanimously.

Vice Chair – Lisa Whicker- proposed by Gillian seconded by Jackie, show of hands carried unanimously.

Secretary – Paul Daniels - proposed by Steven seconded by Patsy, show of hands carried unanimously.

Treasurer – Helen Conchar – proposed by Howard seconded by Lisa, show of hands carried unanimously.

6 further committee members presented as :

Ian Costard	Proposed by Graham seconded by Linda, show of hands carried unanimously.
Derek Kent	Proposed by Linda seconded by Jackie, show of hands carried unanimously.
Tracey Blake	Proposed by Helen seconded by Howard, show of hands carried unanimously.
Howard Dini	Proposed by Badger seconded by Steven, show of hands carried unanimously.
Jane Newman	Proposed by Graham seconded by Linda, show of hands carried unanimously.
Will Baker	Proposed by Badger seconded by Steven, show of hands carried unanimously.

AOB

Lisa asked is there any way how we can appeal the Planning application that has been granted of the 2 gingerbread houses by the pond. Lisa claimed the owners have smashed the houses apart and they are now completely different to how they presented what they were doing to the residents in a previous meeting

Henry feels that the people at Widewater Place seem to get away with doing what they want, traffic liaison people were stopping traffic going down Moorhall Road to let their vehicles to get in or out. There was 10-15 vehicles backed up and its unacceptable for them to assume they can do what they want, when they want without any public consultation.

There is a lot of activity at Widewater Place with events on a daily basis over the whole of June and early July & we would note with police present of 2 police cars, at least 4 officers for several days at the taxpayer expense & with no apparent justification.

Traffic was gridlocked along Moorhall Road because cars from Widewater were parking on the road, they had traffic wardens out there stopping traffic to allow their cars to get in.

We have been fighting this development for years and we are now seeing the start of them ramping up activities at the site & the examples we provided are now presenting themselves.

Planning application for the car wash at Widewater place & the deadline is tomorrow so please get the objections in quickly

Tommy Balaam stated that everyone need to complain directly to the council individually because volume of complaints count.

HMO's

Widewater Place

Traffic

Healthcare

Lack of Councillor representation for the people of South Harefield

Ashleigh House

Events

- Harefield Tidy meet on the green on the first Saturday of every month (weather permitting) from 9;30am for an hour or so, please come along and help. All equipment is provided.
- Bingo every Wednesday Harefield Social Club
- History Society 3rd Monday every month, next meeting in September

AOB

- Harefield flag fund- please donate, the collection pot is at each monthly residents meeting and behind the bar.
- Badges to show your support for the village are also on sale at each public meeting and behind the bar.

Meeting closed 8;00pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14th September 7:00pm-Harefield Social club