Dulwich Society Executive 548th Meeting Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.30pm at Bell House

Attendees:

President
Kenneth Wolfe

Officers
James Thompson – Chair
Sue Badman – Vice-Chair
Russell Lloyd – Treasurer
Heather Stubbs– Secretary

Sub-Committee Chairs
David Beamish – Trees
Patsy Bramble – Licensing
Diana McInnes – Membership Secretary
Ian McInnes – Local History and Journal Co-Editor
Jeremy Prescott – Gardens
Peter Roseveare – Wildlife
Penny Stern – Planning and Architecture (Zoom)
Harry Winter – Travel & Environment

1. Apologies
   Claire Richards – Journal Co-Editor

2. Register of Interests

   David Beamish has stepped down as Churchwarden at St Barnabas and is now Vice-Chair of the Parochial Church Council.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

   The Minutes of 9th May 2023 were approved and signed by JT.

   Action: JT to post the Minutes on the website.

4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

   Item 4) Internal Controls

   Action: the Treasurer to respond to action points in Minutes of 13th March

   Item 7e) Following discussion, it was agreed that Sub-committee reports to the Executive Committee will not be published on the website, as relevant information is covered in Sub-committee Minutes which are published on the website.

Item 7g) **Action: IMcI to forward the wording on the Rules Review to JT, SB and HS for comment prior to publication in the Autumn Journal.**

Item 9) RL reported that the Grants List and the budget are now reconciled.

Item 5) The Minutes of the AGM on 24th April 2023 have been approved by Executive Committee by email and posted on the website.

5. DS Matters

a) Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was received.

JT noted that Simon Hoare is retiring from the Dulwich Estate.

b) Vice Chair's Report

The Vice Chair's report was received.

SB reported that:

- an Aquinna newsletter will be issued in due course.
- Faculty approval from the Diocese is required for relocation of the stocks stone in the Burial Ground and is being progressed. There will be a small charge payable by Aquinna or DS.
- The planning application for use of land at Herne Hill Velodrome as an outdoor nursery/holiday club was approved on 5th July. PS added that this is subject to the management plan being approved.
- SB has provided detail on the Dulwich Estate surgery meeting in her report, as requested, and has circulated the minutes of the Dulwich Village Safer Neighbourhoods Panel.

c) Streets for People Phase 2 Report

JT said that Southwark had reported on Phase 2 on 23rd May and that there would be no closure of Turney Road to motorised vehicles and they will concentrate on mitigating the consequent safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists and buses. The Council's stated objectives in Phase 2 were healthier and safer streets, but many of those responding had highlighted other objectives. Responses correlated with age, with those under 40 being more in favour of the proposals. The timetable for consultation on the public realm has slipped, so existing arrangements will remain for this year. Southwark plan to run a consultation in autumn 2023 about the junction with a view to implementing agreed changes in 2024.

It was noted that Southwark has just initiated a new consultation on a borough-wide CPZ (Controlled Parking Zone) under the Streets for People heading, with leaflets going through most doors in areas of the Borough without a CPZ. There is an online survey and consultation meetings in each ward. JT said the Council has decided to implement a Borough-wide CPZ and the consultation is on the timing of the CPZ in terms of days/hours and public realm issues.

During discussion, concerns were raised about the impact of a CPZ on local shops and businesses, Dulwich Picture Gallery and teachers travelling to work in the Borough and the need for signage to be consistent with Dulwich's heritage.

Action: It was agreed that the Society will widely publicise the new consultation and survey and encourage our members to respond individually. All Committee members were invited to share any comments, such as those above, by email, so that they can be brought to the Council's attention. The T&E Sub-committee will look at the proposals and circulate any further thoughts. As the decision to implement a CPZ has been taken, the focus should be on specific parking needs, hours of operation and how best to make it work.

d) North Parade Proposals/Tulip Tree

SB reported that Dulwich Estate has submitted a planning application for the North Parade proposals. PS suggested writing in support of the North Parade works .

The Tulip tree is to be retained. The Council is investigating issues relating to the remedial works they plan to undertake on their side of the tulip tree. DE has put a consultant at their disposal. The Dulwich Estate has completed its remedial works on its side of the tree and the pavement is now more safely traversable.

e) West Dulwich Traffic Consultation

The consultation has now closed. HW noted in his report that Lambeth has decided to go ahead with a new CPZ in part of Dulwich/West Dulwich including Croxted Road and roads off it, as well as extending the cycle way on Rosendale Road from Turney Road junction to Thurlow Park Road.

f) Rules Review

The 6 month consultation on the draft new Rules was announced at the AGM, and has been promoted in every eNews since and on the website. No comments have been received to date.

Action: IMcI/CR to include an item on the Rules Review in the Autumn Journal. HS to increase the prominence of the Rules Review on the website.

g) Society Events

(i) 60th Anniversary Party 13th July

- 75 members and guests are expected to attend the event.
- The choice of canapés and drinks has been agreed with the Events Manager at Dulwich College. It may be necessary to move to a pay bar later in the evening to stay within budget.
- CR has arranged for a string quartet to provide music. The Society is most grateful to the musicians who are not charging for their time.
- HS and Sharon O'Connor have produced a History Board for the years 2013-2023 in the same format as those produced by IMcI for the previous 5 decades of the Society's life. All 6 boards will be displayed on easels.

- Speeches will be delivered at approximately 7pm by KW, JT and Calista Lucy, DC Archivist, will talk about the James Caird.

Action: SB and HW to check guests in on the Eventbrite App at the door

h) Membership

The Membership Report was received. DMcI said 90% of new members now join via the website. The revised Directory for 2023-24 was approved.

Action: DMcI to circulate the new Directory to Executive Committee members

i) Editorial Committee

IMcI said the deadline for the Autumn Journal is 20th July.

IMcI and CR were congratulated on a successful first edition of the new-look Journal.

Action: IMcI to circulate the draft news items to the editorial committee before the deadline.

j) Archiving Policy

The draft Archiving Policy had been circulated. DMcI said that Gift Aid documentation should be referenced in the section on Membership. RL said financial documents must be kept for a minimum of 6 years. DB/DMcI requested a more specific definition of which correspondence should be retained. Subject to these changes, the Archiving Policy was approved.

Action: HS to amend the Archiving Policy and draw up an associated action plan.

k) Lone Volunteers Policy

The Lone Volunteers Policy had been drawn up as good practice and also to satisfy the insurers regarding safeguarding of volunteers such as Journal deliverers working on their own. The Policy was approved.

Action: HS to post the Lone Volunteers Policy on the website and arrange for it to be disseminated to existing and new volunteers who may work on their own.

l) Southwark Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The link to the consultation document had been circulated to the Committee. The consultation closes on 6th August.

Action: All Committee members to respond to the consultation document with any concerns.

6. Communications and Media Report

The Communications and Media Report from Sharon O'Connor was received.

IMcI said that the Society may encounter problems with its Twitter accounts due to changes regarding Tweetdeck. A Blue Tick now costs £150pa. SO'C has reserved name handles on Threads.

JT said the Destination Dulwich section of the website now links with Dulwich Picture Gallery, local traders and Friends of Dulwich Park, which will drive activity to our site. Dulwich Festival will also tweet a link to the Destination Dulwich pages.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Reports were received.

RL reported that the Society has £46k in funds. He is exploring changing the bank account to one which earns interest on a daily basis.

JP queried the sum attributed to Journal costs and was told this covered 3 issues.

8. Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

The Grants List for July 2023 was received.

It was noted that:

a) The £500 for a greenhouse for Dulwich Vegetable Garden (DVG) in 2024 has been withdrawn due to a change in management at DVG.

b) £400 was agreed by email for an Information Board on Joan Woodward in Woodwarde Road

c) £100 was agreed as a donation to the South London Botanical Institute (SLBI) in recognition of a Wildflower Walk Roy Vickery had conducted for the Society.

Action: HS to initiate the £100 donation to SLBI

9. Other Dulwich Issues and Points from Sub-committee Reports

Reports were received from Licensing and Events, Consultation/Planning, Travel and Environment, Local History, Gardens, Wildlife and Trees.

Travel and Environment – SB asked HW to look into the proposed closure of station ticket offices.

HW reported that Newham Council has blocked the proposed extension of London City Airport.

Action: HW to raise station ticket office closures with the T&E Sub-committee.

SB raised the proposed bench at Turney Road/Burbage Road junction as residents have previously objected to a bench in this location. JP recommended in future refurbishing benches rather than installing new ones, as there are frequently objections.

Action: SB to speak to Councillor Margy Newens about the proposed Turney/Burbage bench.

Consultation/Planning – PS said that there had been an initial objection from Southwark Planning Committee to Dulwich Picture Gallery's proposed Children's Gallery and Sculpture Garden, on architectural and MOL grounds. JT said he and PS had met with the architect and supported the proposals with some reservations. PS said there would be another meeting.

PS referred to an application relating to the Brightlands Boarding House at 2 Gallery Road. She said DS will support the conversion to residential use in principle, but further work is needed on the planning application.

Gardens: JP said the coach trip had made £400. He was congratulated on arranging this and previous trips as this was the last he would be co-ordinating.

JP has attended a consultative walk in Sydenham Hill Wood and Dulwich Wood concerning plans to bring Dulwich Wood up to the standard of Sydenham Hill Wood. He had provided comments. LWT has £100k for improvements.

JP, PR and DB had been on a walkabout with Oliver Stutter to look at trees.

Trees: DB said Daniel Greenwood will be running a tree walk in the autumn. JP suggested this should be another fungus walk.

Wildlife: PR said that Belair Park is planning to plant trees in the autumn.

10. Dulwich Estate

JT and SB had attended the DE surgery and JT and PS had attended the SoM Advisory Committee. There has not been much progress on the green strategy, but DE is looking to pilot sustainable retrofitting in some of its properties. JT is talking to HW about developing DS's green strategy.

11. AOB

a) JP said he has been approached by Dulwich Heritage Trail requesting a 5k grant.

Action: JP to circulate the Committee with the Dulwich Heritage Trail request for a grant.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 11 September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Macandrew Room at Bell House

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

Heather Stubbs, Secretary

Signed: ***James Thompson*** **Date: 11th September 2023**

(James Thompson, Chair)

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 10 July 2023)

Kenneth Wolfe (President) – Member of the Friends of Dulwich Square

James Thompson (Chair):

Dulwich Society nominated member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of The Dulwich Estate; Member of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel of Dulwich Village;
Chairman of the committee of the Stradella and Springfield Residents Association (Stradella and Winterbrook Roads and parts of Burbage Road and Half Moon Lane); Honorary Independent Examiner of the Dulwich Festival; Anne, my spouse, is the Bursar of Herne Hill School

Sue Badman (Vice Chair) - Safeguarding Officer and Member of Parochial Church Council, St Simon Zelotes, Chelsea, SW3; also member of Chelsea Safeguarding Group; Teacher of English as a Second Language (Chelsea – part of All Souls Church Free English group); Member of "Re-imagining Herne Hill" working group (Part of the Herne Hill Forum); Member/Attendee of Dulwich Village Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel.

Heather Stubbs (Secretary) – Member of Dulwich Picture Gallery Friends Advisory Panel and organiser of Walks and Tours for Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery

Ian McInnes – Son Tim McInnes is Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust.

Diana McInnes - Son Tim McInnes is Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust.

David Beamish – Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich, Vice-Chair of the Parochial Church Council; Dulwich Deanery Synod (Member); Southwark Diocesan Synod (Member); Member of the Southwark Diocesan Council of Trustees and Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance; Volunteer at Dulwich Picture Gallery; Chair of Dulwich & District U3A; Volunteer at Dulwich Village Infants School.

Harry Winter - Safe Routes to School (DS Rep); Stradella and Springfield RA (Committee member responsible for Environment).

Patsy Bramble – Member of Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum

Peter Roseveare is a member of the Burbage Road Residents Association.

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way & Close RA; Dulwich Society-nominated member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of the Dulwich Estate

Jeremy Prescott - Wife is a committee member of the Dulwich Park Friends.

Claire Richards - Chair of Lambeth Wind Orchestra and a member of Dulwich Symphony Orchestra.

For Information

The Dulwich Society is a member of the London Forum. The Trees Sub-Committee has membership of The Woodland Trust and Dulwich Park Friends. The Dulwich Society through the Gardens Sub-committee has affiliated society membership of the Royal Horticultural Society