

## **BULLET POINTS: MEETING AT SPRING GROVE HOUSE MUSIC ROOM : 4.11.2015**

Arranged and chaired by: Cllr Tony Louki, Osterley & Spring Grove Ward 28 present

### **1. Thornbury Park**

- TL distributed feedback/contact forms to ascertain views about the park.
- Meeting stems from walkabout by TL/Sidmouth Avenue residents to look at state of the park.
- Park spans two wards : Osterley and Spring Grove and Central Hounslow, Cllrs Pritam and Ajmer Grewal from latter present.
- TL highlighted, to encourage participation:-
  - a. Current consultation on LBH proposed Culture and Leisure Strategy, which includes parks
  - b. Parks and Open Spaces Survey which can be found on LBH website – both found on [www.hounslow.gov.uk/index/council\\_and\\_democracy/consultations.htm](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/index/council_and_democracy/consultations.htm)
- Cllr Pritam Grewal described previous efforts to establish a friends group and how great strides had been made at (a once much worse) Inwood Park and that Thornbury Park is a current focus of discussion at Central Hounslow Area Forum. The ward councillors would back a new group if set up.
- Jonathan.giddings@hounslow.gov.uk (LBH Community Partnerships) stressed importance of residents coming together to have more impact through formation of Friends of Parks Group; evidencing Inwood and Beavers. His unit there to help get groups established/assist in funding applications etc; monies are available for “health” but not coming to parks although they should attract this type of funding.
- Carillion – manage LBH parks – their advice on Friends Group formation runs to 10 pages on one document and five in another; off putting and bureaucratic. Should be addressed by LBH.
- Thornbury now back to square one after earlier improvements achieved.
- Although lessened lately, problems include Meon Court resident being woken 3 a.m. by drunken/anti-social behaviour; instances include threatening behaviour, drug dealing/taking.
- Police not felt to take issues seriously; counter view better Police action of late which has improved matters. Some police confiscate drink, others not. HCAF Police Panel have park as a priority going forward and will review after three months
- Motor bike riders causing problems. Police patrols stop this but cannot be there all the time; when they go, bikes return.
- Drinking in whole area is a problem – everyone should report all anti-social behaviour.
- Need signage (Polish and English) highlighting Borough as Controlled Drinking Zone.
- Stressed need for interested people to come together to make their voices heard.

- Basketball court out of action all summer through lack of maintenance/graffiti a problem.
- LBH encourage reporting of poor standard of park maintenance by Carillion to enable monitoring. Reports should be made to Carillion. No notice boards at Thornbury as with other parks detailing reporting lines: - [hounslow.info@carillionservices.co.uk](mailto:hounslow.info@carillionservices.co.uk) Tel. 0845 456 2853
- Hounslow hold Parks Forum meetings attended by Carillion and LBH officers, opportunity for Parks Groups to exchange views – next one is at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd November 2015 at Civic Centre.
- Alcohol too readily available in the area – objections (including by Cllrs) were made on the Tesco, 1 Clifton Road licensing application and that for Sainsbury's, 489 London Road; resulted in some restrictions on what can be sold; no new licences will be issued for this area unless a need was proved.

## **2. Isleworth Station** – as part of London Road Interest Group

- Initial concept to concentrate on issues in Osterley & Spring Grove Ward section of London Road including the station, now covering the rest. Well attended September meeting including representative of South West Trains. Identified Wish List items for the station area which TL circulated.
- Noted recent painting at station building; improvement result of pressure from various people over a long period highlighting neglect by South West Trains. It took Dominic West to ask workmen to remove buddleia from the building during painting work.
- Formation of a group will have a bigger impact.
- There are problems which are common to both the station and Thornbury.
- Line closure Barnes Bridge to Feltham this weekend should have provided an opportunity for removal of graffiti on platform edges/bridges but TL relayed advice from SWT that this is not practicable.
- Signage at Twickenham Road indicating height of St John's Road bridge. Suggestion that signs should be in metric as foreign drivers don't understand imperial; bridge frequently hit by Palmer & Harvey and other vehicles.
- One way to highlight issues is via Brentford & Isleworth Area Forum – next meeting 12th November 7.30 at Brentford Free Church, Boston Manor Road.
- Agreed small group to meet to review and priorities of the Wish List – including Danny Rybowski, Dominic West, Richard Buchanan, David Tannahill, Matt Brace, Pavan Chaudhary, Jonathan Giddings. TL to arrange.