

Minutes of meeting held in person

Present

Hazel Glenister (chair)	Francine Lawrence	Lia Colacicco	Cllr Liz Dixon
Gill Close (minutes)	Paul Hurst	Helen Goodsell	David McClements
Fitzroy Lee			

Apologies

Cllr Tariq Dar	Mark Cummins	Owen Plummer	Rick Gibbs
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Visitor: Sally Long for the item on the Gladstone Centre

Actions are shown by initials in bold>.

Gladstone Centre

- SL reported that the GPs who had drawn up proposals for the site would hear in October if they had been awarded the £6 million from the NHS to build it. She said that the padel court included in the latest proposal gave a bigger footprint to the proposed building. Activities for patients would be led by surgery staff but not open to the community, which only had access to a small space after 7pm. A café and pharmacy were proposed for the reception area and there was no lift. Four parking spaces were included.
- SL said it could be possible for community facilities to be built alongside the surgery and above the pavilion changing rooms. A café and a gym could generate income to pay for community space. Cosmos uses its current patio a lot and would want some outside space. Access would be possible alongside the substation as the surgery would use the full width of the site along Anson Road. There would be no space for parking for the community building.
- Possible funding sources include the Rugby Football Union, Sport England, Staples Corner development, GLA, The Social Change Agency and Brent Council's social value funding.
- Changes in the area may include substation decommissioning, Melrose Avenue becoming one way where it joins Anson Road, and moving of the bus stop and possibly the zebra crossing.
- LD said that Tanveer Ghani, Director of Property and Assets, had said to trustees when we met him that the pavilion could be used for adding some community space. It seems that changing rooms would need to be retained so that the pitches could be used by Cosmos and rented to other users.
- It appears that the GPs would pay the council a peppercorn rent. Community facilities should have the same arrangement.
- The GP proposal appears to be leaving empty some of the basement under the land they are not building on, leaving a void under some of the land the community might be able to build on. SL said that the GPs should be asked to include in their proposals filling in this part of the basement.
- GC raised a concern that proposing a community building stretching from alongside the GP surgery to the pavilion would build on some parkland, so might not be accepted on Metropolitan Open Land or would take a long time to obtain permission.
- LC said she would look out a map of the ground area.
- SL said Krupesh Hirani, the London Assembly member for Brent and Harrow, would support a community proposal. It could remove an antisocial behaviour area behind the changing rooms and improve views from the flats. She said the building had been handed over to the local authority in 1947.
- Trustees decided not to focus on obtaining a small amount of community space in the GP surgery proposal. Trustees agreed in principle to support developing a community building. Trustees also agreed they could inform the community about plans for the Gladstone Centre.

Minutes of 8 July meeting

- Minutes were approved.

Tea party in the park 2pm-4pm Saturday 13 September

- FL is leading on the event. Location will be the flat area at the back of the changing rooms. Cosmos is providing tables, chairs and access to water. Loan of a gazebo and urn has been promised.
- Tea and cakes will be provided and a QR code for a voluntary donation of £2 placed alongside them.

Friends of Gladstone Park - Trustee Meeting - 9 September 2025

- Information about wildlife, gardening group, copse group, butterfly transect, signing up for the newsletter and donating will be provided. Plants will be for sale. There will be an art table.
- Post it pads will be provided for responses to questions such as:
 - How do you use the park?
 - What are your memories of Gladstone Park?
 - If there was a community centre, what would you like to see going on in it?
- LD has invited the mayor, Councillor Ryan Hack, who has said he will attend.

Litter bins

- FL has sent to Sam Haines a map and photographs showing all of the bins in the park that are in a bad state and need replacing.
- FL has identified possible replacements: Bigbelly Element bins <https://www.futurestreet.com/element-3/> for which Sam Haines is investigating the cost.
- FL said that the bins would be emptied by staff unlocking them and pulling out the internal bin. For throwing away litter, the lids are opened by hand and then they slide closed.
- Hazel said we could consider fundraising as the overflowing bins are upsetting local residents.
- **Hazel** to speak to Krinkles, Sam Haines and Kelly Eaton to ask for their suggestions on the way forward.
- **FL** to share with trustees the email Caroline Woollard sent her summarising her evidence about the Biffa bins she spoke to trustees about at the last meeting.

Parks Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPo) consultation for renewal

- GC asked trustees to respond by 5 October to the consultation, so prohibitions could remain in Brent parks for another three years at <https://haveyoursay.brent.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/public-space-protection-order-pspo-consultation>
- It appeared that proposals were losing some of the current prohibitions including keeping dogs on a lead in specified areas, which was essential in the walled garden and pleasure grounds around the Dollis Hill House footprint. It appeared that prohibitions on using motor vehicles without permission and permitted vehicles without due care and attention might be lost and the emphasis on prohibiting litter diminished through combination with urinating and spitting.
- **GC** to write wording for Facebook on how and why to report Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPo) breaches.

Finance

- Treasurer's report accepted: balance £3677.64.

Volunteer policy

- Carried forward to the next meeting.

Any other business

- Trustees agreed to invite Sofia Ali from Walk2Run to speak at the next trustee meeting.
- DM reported that Local Nature Reserve status had been granted to the copse. There would be a special launch in May. Trustees congratulated DM for his work on the copse and the success of this application.
- Helen reported that Martin Page has contributed a budget of £700-£800 for manure. She is spending £900 on plants. Trustees congratulated Helen.

Date of next meeting

- 6.30pm - 8.00pm Tuesday 14 October 2025 at Pakistan Community Centre, Marley Walk NW2 4PU