

FLAG committee meeting 26 July 2026

Present: Vicky, Tui, Kath, Lorna, Quentin, Elise, Michael, Pelagia, Helen, Phoebe.

Apologies: Sylvia, Melissa, Sinan

1. Matters arising

- Lorna found some signs re dumping and dogs which have out-of-date logos but we could put up unofficially.
 - Haringey walking maps were available
 - The Engine Room is starting a Singing Group, all welcome
 - Meeting new Cabinet member for housing. As a result of the elections we have a new Green cabinet member Tammy Hymas, who has agreed to meet us on 26 August 10am. Despite the daytime slot, several committee members can attend. We will raise similar issues we raised with Cllr Williams in April, but can add. Noted connection between improper use of garages and ASB problems in Armadale.
 - Pelagia reported that the Community eco-day had raised over £2,000 for the school, and the PTA had raised another £1000+. There were maybe fewer people overall, and fewer older people maybe due to the heat, but the event had gone very well, the boat trips were wonderful. "It is the best such event in the borough, and people are already asking about next year" was one comment.
2. Ferry Lane is 50. Vicky reported that Sinan is away but work is progressing, a number of old pictures of the estate, towpath and Narrow Boat pub had been found by Anuar. Kath mentioned a film about the Andover Estate, similar age, Beat of the Drum. Vicky will start loading onto the OneDrive. Pelagia and Lorna both have old rent books as memorabilia. About 30 responses to the consultation, various suggestions made inc a street party which sounds good, as well as support for murals. Could maybe have launch event with mural(s), film and street party?
3. Murals. Group now has 5 local artists involved inc Phoebe. Plan to approach Arts Council, National Lottery, and Haringey's year of culture funds, for FL is 50 and murals, as well as £2k promised but not yet confirmed by CRT. Noted that Haringey Unearthed is only funding about 10% of applications. Being in N17 should help tick lots of boxes. We had walkabout today with Chisa, head of Resident Engagement Team, to look at sites. We need formal OK from council to enable us to make funding applications, though former Head of Housing and Year of Culture leads have been positive. Helen offered help with funding applications. Kath has a friend who can advise on preservation of murals.
4. Finance. Quentin reported we had £1794 including £155 contributions to tribunal costs (see below). His error in FLAG newsletter meant some had been paid into Friends of the Earth bank account but now safely transferred. Also £200 received from Shian for eco-day, we have thanked them but should include in next newsletter.

Suggestion we ask John, who helps tree watering and lives in Shian, to be involved in the committee as it strengthens relationship with Shian.

5. Lime bikes. Generally better than before but still problems, noted large group of them by Gate 5 near shop which could pose obstacle. We agreed to propose site outside MUGA gate. Some of problem is due to ASB, group of kids pushing bikes over, and this is linked to garage misuse. Otherwise there is balance to be struck between accessibility and tidiness. Elise said that the towpath itself is red-zoned so you can't leave a bike there, and Montrose is yellow-zoned with speed restriction, Suggested we ask for rest of estate to be yellow zone. Noted that some people using under-stair cupboards for bike storage.
6. Asbestos. Ceilings in cupboards may contain asbestos. In wider discussion, noted that garages attached to houses have asbestos containing ceiling panels, as do front porches. We have 1985 London Hazards Centre report, and there have been more recent surveys – Helen offered hers. City of London has free service to collect (but not remove from your home) bagged asbestos.
7. Archive noise nuisance. Thanks to Annelie Kops for leading objections to Licensing which resulted in more stringent conditions, including ban on outdoor music, contact details to be available, and regular meetings with residents. There was a rave on Saturday night but thought to be in Markfield.
8. ASB – Elise has asked Izzat to instal CCTV in Armadale, he has agreed to put in Rapid Deployment Camera by Aug 7th. He is leading project to instal 7 in South Tottenham. He will then seek funding for 2 more on estate. Residents statements would be helpful for this. Extra recycling bin also provided. New bins also provided for Yarmouth flats. Housing Officer dealing with Armadale has left, Sian will take over. ASB proceedings are leading to eviction proceedings for problem resident but courts can turn these down.
9. Road safety. We have (unofficially) seen video of crash on Yarmouth, looks like driver lost concentration. But it reveals the pinchpoint and dangers here. Lots of families with kids cross on way to school. Suggested we go back to Highways about the parking spaces there. Also speeding on Jarrow Road - could we get ANPR camera? But only police can do speed enforcement. Unauthorised car business still operating and taking up lots of spaces. Need to chase the wider parking scheme – when will we get it?
10. Tribunal on service charges. We have had about 15 entries on Google form, deadline 31 July, some are still to enter so we could have about 20 in all. Elise will work with Suzanne on this. Noted that you can't see past payments on the council's service charge online.
11. School pergola. Pelagia thanked Tom, Michael, Reverend Mo and others for their work on new pergola, which will be named Rosemary after recent school garden volunteer. Thanks to CRT for £800 grant.
12. Next meeting – in September with AGM in October – Helen will provide free scheduling tool as Doodle now more restrictive.