



Brentham Society
Minutes Annual General Meeting (2021/22)
28th February 2023 at 8pm, Brentham Club

Members in Attendance: 40 – 50 plus committee

Committee Members Present: Jo Bradley (Chair), Martin Mortimore, Alan Henderson, Sarah Salord and Tamara Colton

Apologies: Steve Jenkins (Secretary) and Andy Akerman (Treasurer)

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. CHAIR REPORT (Jo Bradley)

The Chair shared a review of the year and what's taken place since the last AGM in March 2022:

- The Brentham Society's role is important in protecting the unique architecture of the estate and providing planning advice in line with the Article 4 conservation guidelines.
- 126 planning enquiries were shared with the Brentham Society Committee and advice team during 2022, of which 42 planning applications were assessed and commented on.
- We would like to personally thank Pat Baxendale and Heather Moore from the Conservation Area Advisory Panel for Brentham for their support in advising residents on planning, and Steve Jenkins from the Brentham Society committee, on his significant contribution throughout the year.
- In 2022, the Brentham Society hosted Simon Henderson, Chief Executive of Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust on a visit of the Brentham Estate which included discussions around the challenges of upholding conservation within a garden suburb. We also discussed the importance placed on maintaining the correct window replacements inline with guidelines and the effects this can have on protecting the heritage, integrity and conservation status of both estates. The meeting highlighted the importance of the designs unique to the estate and how these have an incremental effect on house prices, with Simon sharing estimated house values were 15-20% higher in Hampstead than surrounding areas not in the conservation.
- There have been ongoing discussions with Ealing Council regarding the Ealing Local Plan and the Brentham Society has shared it's worries around the pressure of inappropriate residential developments has on Ealing's heritage assets.
- In September we held the Open House Walks for the first time since 2019 including an additional visit to the newly renovated archive room at the top of the Brentham Club tower. Personal thanks to Alan Henderson for his hard work with the renovation work.
- There were some great events held in 2022 including the May Day Parade at the Brentham Club, Open Gardens and Strawberry Tea in June, Jubilee Street Parties over the Summer and Carol Singing in December.
- With the Coronation taking place in May, there may be an opportunity for more street parties in the area as well as new social events for members such as a Cheese and Wine Tasting.
- The Christmas parcels were purchased and delivered to all the elderly residents.
- Tamara Colton has also been re-engaging with our Street Reps and Distributors. They provide an invaluable service welcoming new residents, distributing Newsletters and much more and we would like to thank you all for your time.

Thanks were passed onto the Committee members and volunteers for their time and support given to the Society. Steve Jenkins will be stepping down from the Committee and Elly Castellano will be joining at some

point in 2023. We are always looking for new members to join and would like to ask anyone interested to get in touch with the Committee.

3. GARDEN AWARDS (Teresa Mazur)

Photographs of the gardens that had been shortlisted for the awards were presented and these included 50 Denison Road, 7 Meadvale Road, 44 Denison Road, 8 Woodville Avenue, 14 Denison Road and 46 Meadvale Road for the Summer Awards. 30 Holyoake Road, 42 Holyoake Road and 4 Meadvale Road for the Autumn Awards. The winners were presented as follows:

- Spring – 52 Meadvale Road
- Summer – 26 Fowlers Walk
- Autumn – 2 Woodfield Avenue

The Rose Bowl was presented to 49 Woodfield Crescent. It was also announced Open Gardens will be held on 4 June 2023 at Winscombe Crescent.

4. STATEMENT FROM THE BRENTHAM CLUB CHAIR (Jo Bradley on Behalf of Colin Hearn)

The Manager of the Brentham Club, Colin Hearn, was unable to attend and in his absence Jo Bradley (Chair) read a short address on his behalf. The Club has removed all Covid restrictions and returned to normal conditions. As the Club is a Grade II listed building, there are areas in need of restoration and repair and the Club is looking to raise funds to help with the work. This will be carried out through increasing memberships and liaising with Ealing Council on other potential ways to raise funds. The Club's AGM will be held on 16 March 2023.

5. FINANCE REPORT (Jo Bradley on behalf of Andy Akerman)

Printed copies of the Finance Report were made available to attendees and thanks were given to Andy Akerman for auditing the accounts. In Andy Akerman's absence, Jo Bradley presented the accounts. Subscriptions are slightly down compared to last year however the finances remain healthy with a reserve of around £9,000.

6. VOTE IN THE NEW COMMITTEE

The BS Constitution allows between four to nine members and up to four co-opted members. One member has resigned: Steve Jenkins. Sarah Salord is to replace Steve Jenkins in the role of Secretary. A nomination for Tamara Colton to join as a new Committee member was received. The following members of the BS Committee were voted in for 2023:

Jo Bradley (Chair):	9 Woodfield Crescent
Andy Akerman (Treasurer):	55 Meadvale Road - co-opted until a replacement is found
Alan Henderson (Archive and Website):	47 Meadvale Road
Martin Mortimore (Brentham News Editor):	54 Fowlers Walk
Sarah Salord (Secretary and Events):	22 Neville Road
Tamara Colton (Local Coordinator):	26 Fowlers Walk

The Chair proposed that unless there were any objections, an en bloc vote should be taken. There election was proposed by a show of hands.

7. BRENTHAM FROM ABOVE (Martin Mortimore)

Martin gave an introduction and overview to the Brentham From Above Drone Film and showcased the film including an explanation on how the film was created.

8. MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions were asked around the Brentham From Above Film and planning updates.