**SPTRA Annual General Meeting - Saturday 9 May**

**Minutes**

As usual we explained that the AGM is a short "business" meeting which actually lasted around 10 minutes - then our short updates followed! We reported strong finances which will help maintain the stability of our association and Suzanne Tanswell shared the history of our journey to achieve that financial stability for the association. We wouldn't have got where we are without many many donations over every one of our 6 years and of course our very successful Summer Party and raffle.

**Committee Election**

Our committee was elected (or re-elected) as follows. Julie Dauncey, Judy Forrest, Simone Teitler, Suzanne Tanswell, Don Tanswell. Our, non-committee, road rep for Hamilton Rd. is Caroline Morgan, and of course our web master, Suzanne Burge!

**Our updates**

**Thames Water** - They have installed new machinery but have not yet completed the installation of the software to run it. We are waiting for some heavy rain to see if all this has made a difference and reduced the smells but in the recent rainfall a complaint was made from the Factory Quarter and a council attendee agreed the smell was certainly evident! Lets hope this will not run and run.

**Door knockers or cold callers** - We have one approach, which is to avoid opening your doors to strangers at all costs - the police will help with installing "spy holes".

**Wheelie bins** - Southfield voted not to have these bins and the council have decided to proceed as part of their cost cutting target - everyone at the AGM had a copy of 30 QnA which we will distribute and are [posted here](http://www.southfieldparktriangle.org/documents/information/wheelie_bin_qa.docx). The list was created by Cllr Gary Malcolm and features responses from a senior manager responsible for highways and recycling. Gary encourages questions to his Ealing Council email address MalcolmG@ealing.gov.uk. If you still wish to register your dissatisfaction at the Wheelie Bin decision, a petition exists [here.](http://ealinglibdems.org.uk/en/petition/ealing-does-not-want-wheelie-bins-or-a-fortnightly-collection-of-waste)

**SPTRA Result** - More parking spaces - Shortening of some double yellow lines - we do not yet have the details but the council has agreed to shorten some of our double yellow lines in 19 places.

**Evening meeting** - our next evening get together is on Thursday 10 September, with a glass of wine, at 7.15pm

**Meadow walk** - We hope to announce a meadow walk in the park during the summer

**Police Team** - We met the new member of our SNT (Police) Team - Simon Cole is a local and has known the area for quite some time

**SPTRA - Next Meetings**

**SPTRA meadow wander** - We hope to organise a "Wild Meadow" wander, in the park explaining all the details about the different plants and flowers including Cornflower (Centaurea cyanus), Corn Marigold (Glebionis segetum), Ox Eye Daisy (Leucanthemum vulgare), and Meadow Buttercup (Ranunculus acris) and why they help the environment there - tba

**SPTRA General Meeting** - Thursday 10 September for a glass of wine to toast a warm light evening!

**SPTRA Autumn meetings** - tba

**SPTRA Annual quiz night** – tba