Round Hill Society Committee Meeting

Date: Jul 14, 2026 8:00 PM
Location: 85 Princes Crescent (Julia's house)

1. Welcome and Apologies

- **Chair:** julia valentine
- **Attendees:** Christopher Paul, Dominic Furlong, Emmanuel Valentine, Gary Jenkins, Robyn Summers-Emler
- **Apologies:** Stefania Rosso, Jessica Chapman (Sussex Police) and Olivia MacAulay (Sussex Police).

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Review and approval of the minutes from May.
- Note: The June meeting was postponed/skipped due to various scheduling conflicts.

3. Treasurer's Report & Finance

- **Open Gardens Update:** Confirmation of £142.63 total raised from the Open Gardens event.
    - Chris & Tim given £35 from the open gardens to Dominic, which he will send to the bank account.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Gary to send updated status of finances after meeting

4. Greening & Pocket Park

- **Funding Applications:** Update on the status of applications to the Better Brighton & Hove Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund.
    - National Lottery Fund attained for pocket park, community planters, wellbeing events - timeline over 24 months
    - Better Brighton & Hove Fund still awaiting confirmation
        - Dominic raised the inefficiencies with the process with Bella Sankey at her surgery
- **South & South East In Bloom:** Recap of the judging visit for the Pocket Park that took place on 16 June.
    - Entered the non-competitive “Eat Your Neighbourhood” category; results due September
    - Judge has a copy of the brief that is now on the RHS website
- **Community Garden Month:**
    - Round Hill Open Gardens and Brighton & Hove Community Garden Network Open Days both ran successfully
    - See article published by Dominic Brighton & Hove news

5. Community Events

- **Street Play:** Initial planning and "lineup" discussion for the upcoming Street Play event scheduled for 30 August.
    - Road application approved, as well as TEN application (so we can provide Pimms & have live music).
    - Lessons from last event:
        - Bubbles huge success - do again
        - Chalk art, hula hoops, water fight & skipping
        - Plant sale successful - do again
        - £25 raised from bake sale - Robyn to use on next event
        - Flyers were helpful - Robyn to create and print again
    - New for next event:
        - Dominic to dig out band/musician contacts and will contact

        - Ice lollies & watermelon
        - Bike repair man
        - Art showcase

6. Community Safety and Highways

- **Cat's Creep Concerns:** Discussion regarding resident reports and photos of increased drug use at the top of Cat's Creep.
    - PCSOs have said they're aware and will patrol more often coming up.
- **Abandoned Bikes:** Discussion on the abandoned bicycle reported at the pocket park.
    - PCSOs said they can help with this.
    - Abandoned Bicycles also aware.
- **Road Safety:** Review of the request for a road safety assessment for Upper Lewes Road and general speeding concerns.
    - One of the speeding signs has disappeared.
    - PC Connor can get us more speeding signs.
- **Princes Road Crossing:** Pedestrian crossing was on a list of priorities for the council a few years ago but has fallen off the list - Dominic raised this with Bella Sankey & our councillors at her surgery.

7. Reporter

- **Next Edition:** Early October in time for Hallowe'en street party.
    - 100th edition - Emmanuel to do a "best of" - could we bring back the dog show next year?
    - Page for Bike for Life - Emmanuel to interview Bruce
    - Colour edition
    - Steve Bustin will contribute; Amy toad expert
    - Emmanuel to email and facebook comms to tell everyone when next edition is
    - Emmanuel to contact deliverers are short of copies or have too many
    - Julia to contact Jo to discuss deliverers and how many are associated - whether there are any roads missing

    - Emmanuel to speak to new pub owners about getting the word out - get number from Dominic

8. Any Other Business

- **Noticeboard Maintenance:** Approval of funding for a replacement clear glass or perspex panel for the noticeboard near the off-license.
    - Chris to ask a handyman to fix it.
- **Public Liability Insurance:** Review of the RHS community group cover scheme and insurance portal.
    - Other community gardens have this - Dominic will investigate and report back next meeting.
- **Chair Needed:** Julia may need to stop chairing as soon as next month and may need so long off that it's worth having a new Chair - decide on temporary replacement from next month and permanent to be voted in at AGM.
- **RHS Resources:** Bunting & gazebo is with Dominic
- **Round Hill Pub:** New managers Dee & Howie want to make it a community pub; keen on having local bands and asked Dominic for help with their greening

9. Next Meeting

- **Date:** Sep 1, 2026 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Emmanuel's house (32 Crescent Road)

10. Actions

- **Gary:** Send current bank balance screenshot - include recent transactions.
- **Dominic:**
    - Transfer £35 from Chris and Tim to the bank account (from Open Gardens)

    - Dig out journal with local band contacts and reach out for street play music
    - Approach Dee and Howie at the pub to suggest meeting with Emmanuel and Robyn for information on Reporter and upcoming event
    - Investigate public liability insurance options and report back
- **Robyn:** Print street play flyers
- **Emmanuel:**
    - Audit reporter delivery coverage and check with deliverers on shortfalls or finishing with spares.
    - Contact Bruce (Bike for Life) about 100th edition editorial and advertising
    - Emmanuel to email RHS_friends and facebook to tell everyone when next edition is
- **Julia:** Contact Jo about what she's finding re: Reporter delivery packs
- **Chris:** Chris to ask a handyman to fix noticeboard by Red White Rose