

Mortlake PLG Meeting Minutes 25/08/26

Attending: Anne Johnstone, (PLG Chair), PC Dan Humphrey, PCSO Evaripidis, PCSO El-Gamea, PCSO Morbey, Wendy Kyle-Pope (SNB), David Noakes (Community Safety officer), Cllr Geri Cox, Graham Kench.

1. Welcome by the chair, housekeeping and introductions followed by the chair's report:

Anne Johnstone (PLG Chair) opened the meeting, Anne has asked if there are any comments for the previous minutes, read and passed.

Very quiet now, not much input up from Scotland yard, I have been in touch with Chris Walden regarding inviting him to the next meeting in November for crime prevention advice relating to home security. Had a meeting with SGT Hirsch prior to this meeting, we are focusing on advertising these meetings more via Met Engage, posters have been distributed around the ward.

Dan/Hassan: Input regarding Poster distribution over the ward. Slight push back from the shops for putting PLG posters in their shops.

Mr Kench: Mentioned Mortlake Hall for future distribution.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Sgt Michael Hirsch, PC Brackenbury, Nicki Crookdake (former Cllr), Holly Copland, Jane West, Marion Kreyling,

3. Police Report:

PC Humphrey: Busy over the last few months, heavily abstracted with a new initiative for SNT known as the Burglary car along with other commitments including arrest car, backfilling onto Emergency Police Response Team (EPRT) and central London abstractions, Burglary car is where two pcs will be allocated a police car patrolling hot spots from previous days in areas of the borough that have incidents of burglaries.

Discussed repeat offenders, three arrests have been made specifically by SNT officers since the previous PLG Meeting.

Section 135 Warrants have come to SNT, previously this was the responsibility between EPRT and other Police departments, the team have been dealing with three or four of these and they are time intensive.

Mortlake are also gathering evidence for a Closure order in the works, aside from this not aware of any other major issues on the ward.

Wendy: Suicides attempt at Barnes Bridge are a problem

Dan: High rate of mental health in Richmond, Suicide attempts are usually delegated to EPRT to deal as these obviously require an immediate response from Police.

Cllr Cox: Mention stabbing on the ward at Chertsey Court,

PC Humphrey: I'm not aware of this and will follow up,

Cllr Cox: Mentioned the stabbing at Craven House.

PC Humphrey: No adverse risk to the public, cannot go into too much detail as it is an ongoing investigation, offenders were arrested at the time of incident. No wider risk to the community.

PCSO Hassan: read out the crime statistics for the previous three months, comparing to 2025 over the same quarter. PCSO Hassan observes the crimes have gone down this year.

Wendy: Any large incidents of anti-social behaviour in Mortlake?

Dan: Not on the Mortlake Ward, ASB abstractions for Richmond Green but not specifically for Mortlake no large group gatherings here.

Anne: Any other questions on the figures?

No

4. Questions from the floor

Anne: Any other questions?

Mr Kench: Does anyone read East Sheen matters?

Richard Wright formed it, 7th of August 2026 he posted the following about the illegal use of E-bikes again, (Mr Kench reads verbatim from East Sheen Matters, only summary here).

The issue has been raised by East Sheen Matters; standard response is lack of Police resources or difficulty of intervention.

Enforcement is consistent across London and appropriately resourced, serious concerns of riding on pavements, use of E-bikes for ASB, these bikes are often modified, intervention sits with Police Section 72 of the highways act 1835 unless cycling is permitted, this applies to electric bikes.

This issue should continue at a more senior Level and receive assurance that enforcement activity is consistent across the borough.

Fixed penalty of £50 for cycling on the pavement, the high code rule 64 states cyclists must not ride on the pavement.

Richmond Council have £250 penalty increased to £750 cap,

Law should be enforced by Fixed penalties, and has the effect of deterring others, the hiring companies should remind customers to follow the highway code, FPNs can only be issued by police officers, there is a need for more police presence at Chalkers Corner, Upper and Lower Richmond Road.

Mr Kench continues: I would like to know the outcome of raising the issue with the borough Commander,

Dan: Does not have that information today, the outcome of that not been disseminated down to the team.

Mr Kench: More aware of cycling on the pavement by Chalkers Corner, narrow pavement with cyclists coming in both directions.

£50 fixed penalty, if residents are injured in a collision, then there are more serious penalties. Graham has previously challenged cyclists to limited success.

David Noakes: With regards to illegal E bikes, the Met Police put out a press release last month saying in the first seven months of 2026, two and a half thousand e-bikes were seized in 2026, which is an increase from last year's where 2200 were seized.

Dan: Difficulty stopping people on illegal E bikes, suspects don't wear protective equipment pursuing them can put members of public at risk and us, it's a difficult thing to manage.

Mr Kench: Forest & lime bikes modified, private e-bikes are capable of higher speeds, general problem of riding on the pavement and then due to the type of bikes being modified illegally.

Wendy: Do PCSOs have powers to stop cyclists?

Hassan: Yes we do.

Dan: Stating if there is a persistent or prolific offender we need evidence for any enforcement action.

PCSOs can request cyclists to stop but not force them to.

Mr Kench: Chalkers Corner and the shared path going to Richmond on the southside of the road has lots of E bikes and pedal cyclists here using that path, they don't stop at the end and speed across the junction and around Medivets at a dangerous rate, no accidents witnessed, Mr Kench is conscious he's at risk walking here.

Cllr Hale (Barnes Cllr): The cycling champion for the borough will consider doing more social media basic messages from a council perspective, regarding police resources this can be spread thin. Junctions or streets where they are cycling on the pavement from a police point of view they can guide their own patrols to these areas.

Council like the anti-idling campaign we can try and get some volunteers for a periodic awareness campaign, inevitably getting the message across to some, there's a couple of ways to approach this.

Wendy: Suggesting posters for Chalker's Corner regarding illegal cycling on pavements. Suggestion of an experiment to the council to educate members of public on cycling rules here.

Dan: People are confused around the law, because there is a shared path along that road and it's not the most signposted spot, needs more education.

Cllr Cox: An incident on the A316 where a member of public was hit by a cyclist going at excessive speed on a shared path.

Anne: Any other questions?

No

5. Ward Priorities:

1. Violence- ASB suggested by the police
2. Burglary suggested by the liaison
3. Vehicle Crime theft of and from

Wendy: Vehicle crime has gone up,

Dan: Not gone up significantly enough to increase past Burglary.

Anne: Still to include ASB as a priority?

Dan ASB goes under violent crime

6. Confidence Questions:

- Do your residents, visitors, businesses feel safe on the streets of your ward/this borough?
Answer: Not in some areas, so much ASB in Chertsey Court, BBQs outside the flats with lots of drinking. Reporting to the council, regular occurrence from 5pm on the A316 side of Chertsey Court.
- Did the SNT/Borough police address the concerns raised by the PLG and act on them?
Answer: Definity yes.
- If an unexpected crime, or crimes, or other public safety concern (plane crash/floods/power cuts etc) arose, did the police respond quickly and correctly?

Answer Yes, the police would.

Mr Kench: Few incidents in the news where two fire incidents have occurred and had received an excessive police and LAS response.

Mr Kench: Roads have a speed of 20mphs who is responsible for monitoring the speed?

Dan: Cameras are usually monitored by the council/highways, and they will send any notice of intended prosecution to police Traffic department.

7. Any other business?

November 2026 expected date for next meeting at Rose House, Barnes Community Association, Barnes High Street.

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Meeting closed at 20:00 hours.