

**Minutes of the meeting of the Garrison Residents Association held on
1 July 2025.**

Present: Amanda Gorman (Member) (attended at 8.05 by phone)
Committee was quorate for all decisions)
Nicola Boxer (Member)
Amanda Powell (Secretary)
Lara Meville (Chair)

In Attendance:

Apologies: Charlotte Walker (Treasurer), Damion Beech (Member), Karim
Taha (Member), Rik Mistry (Member).

24.53 **Apologies and Chairs Announcement:** Members noted apologies
above. The following apologies were given in advance for future
meetings: Amanda Powell (14 July) Lara Melville (25 Aug).

Members discussed and agreed to defer the GRA meeting
scheduled for 25 August to 8 Sep because of summer holiday
commitments.

24.54 **Approve for Publication the Minutes of the meeting held on 2
June 2025.** Doc A had been circulated to members after the last
meeting and then approved by Chairs Action so it could be sent
to Santander.

24.55 **Matters Arising:** Members confirmed all matters arising were
completed or to be discussed in the minutes below.

24.56 **Community Groups, Updates and Collaborations:** Members
discussed The Cart and Wagon Shed CIC plan to bid for National
Lottery Funding. They intend to build much stronger links with
communities in Shoeburyness. GRA members confirmed that
this was exciting news.

Nicola confirmed that she is meeting with Mr Bayo, MP on 2 July.
This is primarily to follow up on outstanding promises from when
the Garrison was built, including speed bumps on Barge Pier
Road, CCTV by the skate park and lights on the conservation
area. This might help reduce /prevent antisocial behaviour in
these areas.

thefts; cars and bikes, antisocial behaviour and increased community officer presence on the Garrison would be mooted.

- 24.57 **Setting up the Santander GRA Bank account update.**
Members received a progress report submitted by Charlotte and noted the additional information required in order to proceed.
Approved: Members provided recommendations for Charlotte to contact for Santander's additional request.
- 24.58 **Big Spark Application:** The application for funding to update the Cricket Pavillion was unsuccessful.

Agreed: Amanda G, Lara, and Nicola were nominated to liaise with The Cart and Wagon Shed CIC.
- 24.59 **New Town:** GRA Chair had met a member of another resident's association at a community event and New Town was discussed. GRA confirmed that we had agreed to share communication about New Town on the GarrisonResidents Association Facebook page to keep its members informed. And to work liaise with Shoeburyness Residents Association
- 24.60 **Any Other Business:** Members noted that residents had raised concerns about parking when Cricket and football groups were using the cricket pitch. Particularly parking on the bend behind the Pavilion. It is causing a hazardous bind spot for anyone trying to exit Magazine Mews.

AGREED: The chair agreed to reach out to the cricket club and share residents' safe parking concerns.
- 24.61 **Date for the next meeting is:** Monday 30 June 2025 7:45 -8:30 location tbc.