

VSRA AGM Minutes

Tuesday 17 March 2026 6.30-8pm
Rochester Hotel, Vane Street

Committee members present at the meeting: Nitesh Palana (Chairman), Jack Jerjian (Treasurer), Felicity Bullock, Louisa Taylor, Kyle ap Simon, Julia Record

35 association members were present at the meeting. Sergeant Ronald Henderson; Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Simon McGregor-Wood; and Councillors David Harvey and Selina Short were in attendance as guests.

1. Welcome:

Nitesh Palana opened the meeting at 6:30pm, outlined the Agenda and introduced Sergeant Ronald Henderson & PCSO Simon McGregor-Wood for an update from the Metropolitan Police; their presentation is attached.

2. VSRA Accounts: (Jack Jerjian):

The accounts were presented by Jack. Net income for 2025 for VSRA was £1,807 and the accumulated surplus increased from £25,223 at the end of 2024 to £26,808 in 2025. A motion to approve of the accounts was proposed by Jack Jerjian, seconded by Nitesh Palana and approved by a majority of the votes cast.

3. Chairman's Statement (Nitesh Palana)

- a. **Hopkinson House:** Nitesh gave an update on Hopkinson House and said that construction was expected to commence now with work completing in Q2/Q3 2027.
- b. **Events:** VSRA held three events in 2025: the AGM; the summer party; and a dinner hosted at Westminster Kingsway College. The proposal is that VSRA hold the same number and similar events in 2026.
- c. **Succession planning:** Nitesh said he needed to move away from the area for an extended period of time because of schooling for his daughters and he asked for volunteers to step up to join the VSRA Committee with the hope of finding a new chairman.

4. Ward Councillors update (Cllrs. David Harvey and Selina Short): The councillors provided an update on various matters including the cycle counterflow on Vincent Square; Hopkinson House; illegal airBnBs; rough sleeping; drug dealing; dog fouling; engagement with the council (using <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/report-it>); and with

the councillors. The Councillors acknowledged that Vincent Square was a residential square where people lived, and therefore unique compared to other squares in London.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

The Rochester Hotel kindly held a drinks and canapes reception at 8pm.