

MINUTES OF THE RIVERSIDE AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AGM

Thursday 15 September 2016

Present: Dave Hughes, Phil Summerlin, Linda Payne, Elka Bhatt, Kay Mingay, Pete Dore, Darren Payne, Alison Carey

Apologies: None

Agenda:

1. Minutes from previous meeting (attached)
2. Drains
3. Speeding
4. Funds
5. Road repairs
6. Elections/resignations
7. A.O.B.

Thanks to Elka for hosting the meeting at short notice!

Update on previous minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting (24/4/2014) were approved.

Drains:

One of the two pumps, hadn't been working in recent time but has since been replaced. Phil informed the residents that he had witnessed a camera survey taking place, and was informed that a new monitoring system has been put in place. A handful of residents were still experience problems but hopefully not as bad as it has been in the past.

Speeding:

A show of hands indicated that half the room think there is still a problem. A discussion took place as to whether speed bumps should be put in place. The majority of residents do not want speed bumps put in situ. Some discussion took place and it was felt that the main culprit had since moved out of the road. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored. It was also agreed to be vigilant and people should walk down middle of the road and not feel that they needed to stick to the pathways. No further action at this moment in time.

Financials/Funds received:

The Treasurer presented her report.

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| Balance on Cashflow sheet | £13,914.31 |
| Balance at Bank: | £13,914.31 |

The only expenses incurred since the last meeting was the subscription costs for hosting the RARA website. The costs incurred were £55.75 per annum for 2015 and 2016. Phil Summerlin is to be reimbursed for these costs. All remaining funds would be used for the road repairs (see below).

The committee informed the residents that recent statement of accounts had been sent out to all residents and this had provided positive feedback with the majority having now contributed to the "Road repairs" fund. A revised statement would be sent out ahead of the May 2017 payment date. The Treasurer and the committee would like to thank all of those who have contributed to the fund so far.

Road Repairs:

The residents were informed that over the past 18 months, the committee had organised for an independent survey to be carried out of the road and a report had been provided. The committee had previously obtained quotes for the road repairs from three contractors (Bestco Surfacing Limited, TES Total Solutions Ltd and Hygienic Coating Ltd) and subsequently obtained a new quote from Nicholls & Sons Limited, Etteridge Farm Depot, Pembridge Lane, Broxbourne EN10 7QP. Pete Dore (Pen-y-dre) had been in discussions with Nicholls and explained what the quote entailed and what would be provided.

The costs of the road repairs in its entirety amounts to £22,032 (including VAT) however this had been broken down into sections. After much discussion, it was agreed by unanimous vote to proceed with the first stage repairs, mainly towards the top of Riverside Avenue as this has the most traffic with all residents (and their visitors) requiring access. The cost of the first stage would be in the region of £14,520 (including VAT). This would cover the area from the Junction (entrance to Riverside Avenue) down to The Laurels. This covered approximately 35 metres of road.

With regards to the timeframe, it was agreed that Spring 2017 would be the considered. Access via the entrance to Riverside would be denied for a period of 7 days. Local authorities would be informed and access would be sort via The Meadows/Keyser Estate.

With regards to payments, invoices would be issued to all current residents for an equal proportion of the costs. The invoices will state who had paid towards the cost of repairs as listed by the Treasurer using the bank statements provided.

Elections/resignations

The residents were informed that Doug Ball, had tendered his resignation due to health reasons. The committee acknowledged Doug Ball's resignation and thanked him for all of his efforts over the years. Doug's local history knowledge and knowledge of Riverside Avenue would be sorely missed.

Elections/resignations (cont/)

Residents were invited to join the Committee. Those put forward were as follows:

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| Dave Hughes | Chairman |
| Phil Summerlin | Duty Chairman |
| Linda Payne | Treasurer |
| Alison Carey | Secretary |
| Darren Payne | Committee Member |
| Elka Bhatt | Committee Member |
| Kay Mingay | Committee Member |
| Pete Dore | New elect – Committee Member |
| Mark Carey | New elect – Committee Member |

It was agreed that the committee stands and all committee members remain in their current positions for a further period.

Committee re-voted. Agreed - Zoe Grist of 6 Riverside Avenue
 Seconded - Lindsay Knowles of Achray.

A.O.B

House Names Sign:

It was requested that a sign with all house names be erected at the entrance of Riverside Avenue – after a vote took place, it was decided against the idea.

Slipway:

Zoe Grist of 6 Riverside enquired as to whether anyone knew who she could contact regarding the clearing of the slipway leading from the Rowing club. Another resident gave some advice.

Deeds of Access to River:

The area between Salcombe and Lilybank. The meeting were informed that after giving consideration and extensive research, this was not a matter for RARA.

Sarah:

Elaine of Hollowbank wanted to say heartfelt thanks and commend everyone who helped Sarah Faulkner of Broxlea who tragically died a few weeks back. Everyone heartfelt condolences goes out to her family and friends.

Parking:

It was brought to the meeting that parking at the entrance of the road remained to cause an issue. It was agreed that Parking at the end of the road is still an issue. The Chairman and Deputy Chair will speak to the owners again.

Date of next meeting: TBC

The meeting closed at 20.50.

Minutes approved by:

Signature:

Date: