

MINUTES OF THE RIVERSIDE AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

29th January 2012

Apologies:

Sandra Callear, Rada Juric, Carol Fitzsimmons, Rob Urwin

Present:

Dave Hughes, Phil Summerlin, Darren Payne, Linda Payne, Doug Ball, Mina West, Nikki Ellis, Kay Mingay

Update on previous minutes :

Road Repairs: Two estimates have now been received one for £11,193.44 and one for £12,600.00

Access to river: Steve at Salcombe informed us that he and his neighbour did not want any clearance work undertaken, discussed below

Sewage pumps: Steve at his wits end with getting something done, see below!

AGM Date and voting for committee

The long overdue AGM was discussed and it was decided to organise this ASAP. Phil to get dates from the rowing Club sometime early March

Action: Phil

The Chimes:

As there were no further developments on this front and no plans had been submitted, it we felt that we could only wait and see what happens with the site. A close eye on any planning applications for the area was called for.

Ongoing

Problems with Pumps at the Thames Water pumping station:

Steve is at his wits end with trying to get the pumps either replaced or updated so that they are less unreliable, however Thames Water maintain that the problems are caused by what residents are flushing down the toilets and drains. An article in the newsletter and leaflets from Thames water were distributed by RaRa and it was hoped the situation may improve? Steve's letters to Thames CEO, Martin Baggs and our MP Charles Walker, may add some weight to our request to have the pumps replaced should the situation not improve? Phil to ask if a representative from Thames Water will attend the AGM to answer questions. Dave to log blockages for the purposes of constructing a chronology.

Action: Phil & Dave

Road clearance and Gritting during icy weather:

We discussed what we should do (if anything) about the clearance of Ice and snow from the road. Many suggestions were put forward concerning Grit bins (maybe outside the pumping station) or even 'Gritting Monitors' who are given a supply of bagged grit to distribute during icy weather. Eventually, it was felt that it was a matter for the residents to decide if they wanted to spend RaRa money in this way and ask them at the AGM about this and any volunteers for 'Gritting Monitors'.

Action: Committee

Access to river:

We decided last meeting to do a little clearance work, however the residents either side of the access are not very happy with the fact that once cleared, it may be abused. As the land is held in trust for us all, it was decided to let the residents decide what to do about it at the AGM. We also discussed the subject of what happens when the last remaining trustee expires. Linda will try to find out from her solicitor contact.

Action: Committee & Linda

Payments and accounts from the treasurer:

Linda reported that payments were going well and out of those who had not paid two had stated that they would pay their share when the road was repaired, two houses were empty one was rented and what was left was a small minority that we felt we could concentrate our efforts on to encourage them that to pay the relatively small amount now rather than a large bill later. It was also felt that the residents should decide at the AGM what to do about the small minority of residents who just refused to pay their contribution.

Action: Committee

Online banking for the treasurer:

Linda is having problems reconciling the accounts and it was felt the some kind of online access would be the only answer. Dave had previously approached the bank regarding this but was told because two signatories were required on the account no one person could access it. We felt that the simple viewing of the statement in real time would not compromise this arrangement and should be possible to set up. Dave to ask the bank manager about options.

Action: Dave

Pro-rata subscriptions

The subject of when a new resident should start paying subscriptions was discussed and voted on. It was felt by Linda that subscriptions should be payable to RaRa soon as the house was purchased as the new resident would either occupy or have works carried out on

the property prior to moving in. As either would necessitate use of the road by either the resident or their contractors it was felt that payments should start then. Linda therefore proposed a vote of 'Payments to RaRa would be due on completion date' which was carried by majority vote.

Speeding:

Despite road signs installed by RaRa and the last two newsletters carrying requests for speed to be moderated in the avenue, speeding still seems to be an issue. Letters to the main protagonists were suggested along with a 'name and shame' policy. It was decided to ask residents at the AGM what they would like us to do about it

Action: Committee

Date for next meeting: To Be Confirmed

Minutes Approved by.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Any outstanding points.....

To carry over?