

MINUTES OF THE RIVERSIDE AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

19th April 2017

Apologies: Alison Carey

Present: Dave Hughes, Phil Summerlin, Linda Payne, Darren Payne, Elka Bhatt, Kay Mingay, Peter Dore, Mark Carey **Guest:** Steve Foreman

Residents Concerns:

Steve Foreman was invited to report on issues he had noted and complained to Thames water about after works completed by them. These consisted of badly repaired areas of the road. He was told that the works were guaranteed for a period of two years. His concerns were noted and documented, so that any subsequent problems can be passed back to Thames Water. He also reported on the leaking sewage pipe (since repaired) in Keyzers road (Gravel lane) It was also noted that the works around Emerald were causing a lot of disruption and that the site foreman was contacted about this. Steve was thanked for his part in removing the overhanging trees adjacent to the access to the river.

Action: None at this time, but committee/Steve will monitor the situation

Update on previous minutes:

AGM: A successful AGM was had on 15th September 2017 and minutes put on website for download. There were no action points

Action: None

Narrowboat issues :

A couple of residents had voiced concerns via email of noise, overstaying, foul water discharge, barking dogs and seemingly loutish behaviour by some of the occupants of the narrowboats moored on the river. Phil designed an electronic survey form to gauge opinion and see if other residents perceived a nuisance from these river users, with the idea that maybe the Riverside Avenue Residents Association should get involved if enough residents wanted us to. It was decided to publish the form on the website and put instructions on how to take part in the survey in the next newsletter and gauge the response.

Action: Phil

Newsletter:

A Draft newsletter was circulated and the basic content was approved. A final draft is to be prepared and emailed to committee members for final approval.

Action: Phil

Payments and accounts from the treasurer:

Linda presented the accounts which look quite healthy at £14,334.31

Statements are due to be sent out for the payments due on 20th May

Action: Linda

Road repairs:

The committee discussed at length the timing of repairs and access to the road whilst these were undertaken. It was felt that the gravel lane may have to be opened to keep access, but that the recently erected fences would cause problems. It was decided to contact the two properties adjacent to the panels and warn them that it may become necessary to remove them to enable temporary access.

Peter had already got quotes for a temporary road surface and bearing in mind access would only be for a few days, damage would be minor and easily repaired. Bearing in mind the difficulty in contacting the residents concerned, it was decided that a letter should be drafted and sent warning those affected of our intentions.

Peter offered to contact the contractors (Nicholls and sons) to find out about curing times of the new surface and any suggestions regarding maintaining access. It was agreed that there would inevitably be some disruption, but as long as it was planned carefully and enough notice given, it should not present a massive problem.

Action: Phil and Peter

Date for next meeting: To Be Confirmed

Minutes Approved by.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Any outstanding points.....

To carry over?