



RIVERSIDE AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES

19 December 2022

1. Apologies: KO, ET

2. Present: DH, KM, PD, FB, MC, AC, ZG

3. The minutes of the previous meeting on 28/04/22 were agreed.

4. *Corrections and matters arising from previous minutes (not on the agenda)*

Road repairs: From the information presented, RARA does not have sufficient financial reserves for the next phase of scheduled repairs. Unless there's an emergency, it will be 2-3 years before permanent repairs can be commissioned. In the interim, committee members volunteered to install temporary cold tarmac fills. **FB/MC/DH**

5. Next Annual General Meeting - date and planning

The date for the AGM was agreed as Thursday 23rd February. DH to book The Crown. Committee to meet in preparation on Friday 10th February. **DH**

6. RARA welcome pack update

No progress on new contents to date. AC to deliver the welcome pack information to the newest residents. DH to review existing documents and ensure that they're in line with recent alterations. PD/ZG to take on distribution from Jan 23 and work on contents with KO/ET. **DH/PD/ZG**

7. Website update

No progress to date. RARA minutes to be uploaded to the website. New photos available. RARA mission statement to be amended. Technical difficulties mean that it might be easier to start a new website. MC to review. **MC**

8. The Jubilee celebration

The RARA celebration was a great success and really enjoyed by all who attended. Estimated attendance was circa 200! Committee received congratulations from residents and requests for another event next summer. A grand total of £1,079 was donated to Cancer Research from RARA. Huge thanks to all the committee members for their hard work but especially to ZG.

9. General finance update

RARA currently has funds of £9,611 held on the bank account. Some residents are behind with payments and it was agreed that AC would send a Statement of Account to each of those households as a reminder of what is due. AC informed the committee that a couple of residents prefer to pay their contribution once the works have been carried out and an invoice is submitted. There are a couple of residents currently in care/nursing homes who are unable to pay their contributions.

DH asked at what point do we believe we will be able to carry out the next round of road repairs. If all households were to pay their contributions, we should expect to increase our reserve fund by £6,000 per annum (£100 x 60 houses).

It was agreed that we would draft a letter to all residents outlining the benefits of contributing to the RARA community fund along with a Statement of Account.

AC/PD/ZG

10. The RARA 'Christmas Bash'

This will be outside Hanell House from 6-8pm on 23 December. Invitations will be sent to residents with requests for contributions of food/drink. Charity donations will be requested for Trussell Trust and Crisis at Christmas.

All

11. King's Coronation possible event 6-8 May 23

Because of the extra bank holiday Monday and the possibility of residents being away for the Saturday of the King's Coronation, it was decided to hold a '**RARA Summer Bash**' instead on **Saturday 24th June** in similar style to last summer's successful event.

Residents to be asked at the AGM to 'save the date'

ZG/All

12. Terms of Reference

DH to update the existing Constitution in line with recent RARA Committee decisions and pass to AC to include in the RARA welcome pack

DH

13. Bridge repairs update.

It was noted that the bridge will now close from 3 January to 30 April 23. The Committee will continue to monitor developments and inform residents of any updates.

14. Any other business.

Resignations: MF has now moved away from the Avenue and had previously stood down as a Committee Member. FB also announced his intention to stand down as a committee member at the next AGM on 23 February 2023 and was thanked for his valuable contribution.

15. Next committee meeting date 10.02.23

All