



RIVERSIDE AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

AGREED MINUTES

19 November 2021

Apologies: KO, ZG

Present: KM, AC (Treasurer & Secretary), DH (Chair), ET, MC (Vice Chair), MF, FB, PD

Welcome and introductions

DH welcomed new members, introduced the committee members and described the function of officers.

RARA

DH set out RARA's terms of reference for new committee members...broadly that "RARA (Riverside Avenue Residents Association) is a voluntary non profit making organisation created by the residents, for the benefit of the residents of Riverside Avenue. Its aims are to collect money in small affordable amounts for the inevitable repairs and maintenance of our private road in order to avoid large repairs bills when these become necessary. The organisation manages our neighbourhood watch scheme and produces newsletters and information via emails and the RARA website. RARA will also deal with larger organisations presenting a unified voice defending the interests of all residents."

Action:

MH to update committee group email list

PD agreed to take on the role of Secretary and will assist AC.

KM to update WhatsApp group

AGM

Minutes of the AGM (07/09/2021) have been drafted and will be distributed. Minutes to include a note to say the Gigaclear is now offering broadband connections.

Action:

AC to arrange distribution of the minutes electronically.

MC AGM minutes to be filed on the RARA website

RARA Website:

MC maintains the website <https://www.rarauk.org> and asked for suggestions for content for an update. Consideration was given to whether Riverside Avenue residents could be offered paid (low-fee) advertising on the website. Future buyers of Riverside Avenue properties refer to the RARA website and it was felt that helpful information could be included on the website in order to assist buyers and their solicitors.

Action:

MC to update website

ET to liaise re the 'purchasers pack' information

Finance update

Following the difficulties with HSBC (see AC's correspondence of 29/08/21 and 01/09/21 to all residents) and the decision to close the account, there has been a delay in obtaining a closing statement from HSBC. HSBC continue to hold the closing balance. Lloyds Bank have approved the request for a new RARA account but need the closing statement. AC expects this to be resolved soon and will contact all residents asap to request the annual RARA contribution

Action

AC to request the annual contribution from all Riverside Avenue residents

Future events

- **Xmas event for residents:** We will organise a **Xmas social event for residents on 23 December** on MC & AC's drive 6-8pm. It was hoped ZG would help with this! Mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles will be provided. An honesty box could be put out for residents wishing to donate to Crisis at Christmas and/or Trussell Trust (food banks)

Action

ZG to coordinate mulled wine and mince pies and an honesty box (She agreed!)

MC & AC to organise Christmas music etc

KC/DH to ask whether there's a collection of used stamps again for RNIB

- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.** An event to be organised to mark the Queen's Platinum jubilee during 3-5 June 2022. To be discussed further at the next meeting. Ideas include a street celebration similar to the successful VE event.

Any other business

The road sign at top to be repositioned (it's slipped)

Temporary road repair needed outside Pen-Y-Dre.

Action

Anyone passing with a screwdriver!

C'ttee members will buy some materials and make a temporary road repair if possible.

Next meeting date 25 February 2022

