

**THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**RUTHERWYKE ROOM**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**Minutes of the November Meeting:** These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:** Dog fouling by dogs walked by a professional dog walker was reported in the Frank Muir Memorial Field. We are unable to report to RBC without a time of day.

**Dying Trees in Ten Acre Lane:** This matter has been reported to RBC on three occasions.

**Tree in Timsway:** Stump still awaiting grinding out.

**Yellow No Parking Lines in the Gower:** Residents who had asked that yellow lines be installed in The Gower had not written to SCC requesting them. NR reported that there are plenty of empty parking bays at school times. MF advised that it was SCC who would determine whether parking controls were appropriate.

**Surrey Waste Management:** It had been announced that Surrey along with Oxfordshire are joint top of the recycling league table however Runnymede were the worst performing of all the 12 local authorities in Surrey.

**Councillors' Reports:** These reports were distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting.

**Parliamentary Boundary Changes:** It is proposed that Thorpe Ward be moved into Spelthorne. It had been suggested by Egham Hythe Councillor Gill Warner that Thorpe be moved to Spelthorne however it was felt by members of the Committee that issues in Spelthorne are not the same as those in Runnymede. Letters of objection will be sent requesting that Thorpe Ward remain within Runnymede.

**Flood Action Plans:** PH reported that 200 people had attended the Flood Action Awareness Day. The Flood Action Group meets regularly at the Compasses and approximately every three months with Multi Agencies, i.e. SCC, RBC, EA, Thames Water etc.

**Heathrow Community Fund:** It was suggested that we could approach the fund to increase bulb planting within the Ward. MH advised that she had planted many bulbs in the past but most have disappeared or have been mown down. The funds came from reports of noise out of hour's flights. Heathrow's Community Relations Team can be contacted by email at [noise@heathrow.com](mailto:noise@heathrow.com) - NR said he would list this on our website.

**Association Officers' Reports:** Reports from The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were distributed prior to the meeting.

**Town Planning: BH had examined the list of applications.** Clarification over planning in relation to Meadlake Place needed additional explanation. Four

additional planning matters were discussed in detail and action will be taken as agreed.

**Local Government Boundary Changes:** These have been proposed to ensure that each Ward has a similar number of voters. The thoughts of the Thorpe Ward Councillors were taken into account and certain proposed changes were amended. A decision is expected in February 2018 and then it will go to Public Consultation.

**Working Group to Review Association Documentation:** Several document amendments had been raised including a slight amendment to the Constitution. It was suggested we introduce a handbook of the Association's procedures.

**Development in Flood Plains:** Current rules state that permitted development allowed up to 5 metres by 4 metres on one side. CJ had identified that Elmbridge Borough Council has enforced Directive 4 if any application is for development in the flood plain and it appears that RBC has not done the same.

**Heathrow Southern Rail Project:** MH reported that there were 10 schemes however only 3 are being actively considered. There was a suggestion that this will be tunnelled for the whole length.

**War Memorial Fund Raising:** Fundraising continues with a generous donation from the Five Pennies organisation. The estimated total cost to refurbish the War Memorial is £15,000.

**Communication, Promotion and News Items:** NR will update the web site and arrange for the three current challenges of Thorpe Ward remain on the front page, i.e. Heathrow South Rail Project, River Thames Scheme, Boundary Commission.

**Thorpe Together:** Edition 12 had been delivered to all residents however we could do with a further 10 or 12 volunteers.

**AOB:** It was reported that RBC had £75,000 to secure areas where travellers have made incursions but this did not include Thorpe Green. It was suggested that more mature trees planted in the gaps along the hedgerow might be effective.

It was reported that the signage outside Mayflower Nurseries is a mess. MH advised that this issue was going through Enforcement.

MB stated that the metal footpath signpost near Thorpe Stores is missing.

The drains in Village Road from the War Memorial to the Post Office are overflowing.