

**THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE
RUTHERWYKE ROOM**

10th June 2019

Open Forum: Members of the Meadlake Flood Action Group attended to discuss shared concerns regarding flood risk, in particular the number of planning applications in the Flood Zones. Discussion took place as to how we could jointly move forward, and it was agreed to form a sub committee between MFAG and TWRA. When asked about the latest news of the River Thames Scheme Cllr. Mel Few advised that the shortfall in funding is now £300 million. He also advised that Surrey County Council have a shortfall of £386 million in its flood services budget and has applied to Government for additional funding.

Previous Meeting Minutes: These were approved and signed by the Chairman

Election of Officers: Officers were re-elected, with the addition of a Planning Policy Officer. As no Secretary has been appointed it was agreed to advertise the post on TWRA's website.

Councillors' Reports: Ward councillors reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Mel Few spoke about the consultation on Fire Stations. He reported the need to upgrade services to focus on fire prevention, and said it is not seen as effective to have full fire teams in stations overnight. He confirmed there were no fire station closures planned. MF advised there will be a consultation held on the future of libraries, of which Surrey has 53. This will take place after the holidays.

Officers' Reports: Had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Town Planning and Allied matters: Committee agreed letters of objection should be sent for two planning applications, which, although very small extensions, were in the Flood Plain and would add to the cumulative effect. No further news on the planning application for Ashleigh, Redwood.

Minutes of meeting with Liz Osborne, Planning, at the Council Offices had been circulated.

Matters Arising: A copy of the revised Runnymede Boundary map was circulated. The Chairman reported that Penton Park Residents Association are keen to work in association with TWRA, and some of their members would be happy to join TWRA. Others would remain as affiliate members, which would enable them to receive our MailChimp mailing, but they would have no voting or attendance rights. PPRA have offered to collect subscriptions through their own annual subscription process. It was agreed that a Special General Meeting of the TWRA would be required to change the Constitution to enable this, unless we wait until the next AGM.

Membership: The new membership secretary requested a list of members, and intends designing a "flyer" that he will take round the neighbourhood, in order to recruit new members.

Communication: The Information and Communications Officer advised he is currently seeking a new website platform for TWRA, as the current hosting via SCC ends in March 2020. He will report again in September.

AOB: We are to have a TWRA stall at the Village Fayre on 22nd June, two committee members will be on duty. It was reported that TESIS had undertaken work on the trees overhanging Mill Lane.

Next meeting : 8th July 2019.