

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

9th SEPTEMBER 2019

Open Forum: Three members of staff of TASIS, including the Headteacher, attended to explain their campus strategy and reasons for planning application for a new dormitory block next to Vicarage Mews, to which TWRA had objected. This is to comply with safeguarding of pupils, following their Ofsted report. Numbers of day pupils have dropped and it was felt that more accommodation for overseas boarders should be provided. Committee members reminded the Headteacher that the land is still in the Green Belt, and will remain so until the Local Plan is finalised. Questions were raised about formalising the road to the premises, and access for construction traffic. It was confirmed there would be no impact on existing trees at the site.

A member said she had noted the proposal for works at the Cemetery and suggested that a stand-pipe might be installed at the rear of the Cemetery for watering cans. The Chairman said TWRA would raise the matter with RBC.

Another matter raised was grass and saplings growing out of gutters and pavements. It was agreed TWRA would write to Surrey County Council regarding this.

Two TWRA members were elected as new Committee members, one of whom will act as liaison with the Local Flood Action Group.

Approval of constitution changes for Associate Members It was agreed to hold a Special General Meeting, on the 14th October, prior to our regular committee meeting. Details to be sent out on Mail Chimp.

Land Adjacent to Egham Business Park. Representatives from Tarmac attended to discuss their proposals for development of the land at Longside, currently occupied by Bredon Cement. TWRA members pointed out the unsuitability of the site for an increased number of Heavy Goods Lorries. They confirmed they have not yet consulted with Surrey CC Highways. They will move forward with this once the Local Plan has been approved. It was suggested they consult with local residents prior to applying for planning permission.

Previous minutes approved and signed

Councillor reports and Association Officers reports had been distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr. Gillham gave a report on the latest consultation document for Heathrow Airport, which is currently being studied by an RBC officer. Cllr Gill said HAL (Heathrow Airport Limited) state "no increase in traffic". This actually means within the perimeter, and there would be punitive charges for drivers, making it very difficult for shift workers without access to public transport. Cllr Harnden reported an Award Evening on 21st November for exceptional people and asked if we wished to recommend anyone. It was agreed to publish on Mail Chimp.

Discussion was had on next steps regarding lack of action on the minor development in the flood plain project. It was agreed a letter should be sent to the CEO of RBC.

Town Planning and Allied matters: Committee agreed letters of objection to be sent regarding a minor extension in the floodplain and the use of car wash in Thorpe Lea Road.

Matters Arising: The Chairman congratulated our Membership Secretary on the success of the Music Event at the Red Lion, which attracted around 300 people. 50 new members have signed up in the last month. The next event will be Bonfire night on 2nd November at Warren Farm, and following will be the Pram Race on Boxing Day.

Communication, Promotion and New Items The membership application form on our website needs to be amended to incorporate GDPR. Next meeting we need to discuss migration of website to a new webhosting service.

AOB The Chairman advised that RBC have provided the necessary maps and materials to commence the litter picking process prior to the first outing on 6th October. Membership secretary kindly offered breakfast and coffee at the Red lion for those who take part. A report was also given on the state of the copper beech tree in the Cemetery. Photos have been sent to a specialist, who responded that they suspect the roots are diseased. Advice was to request an inspection by RBC and written assessment provided.

Next meeting 14th October, 2019