



**THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 9th MARCH 2020**

Open Forum: A resident asked if there had been any further developments on the Coltscroft site. Cllr EG advised that there was nothing to report at present and nothing was going to happen until the land came out of the Green Belt. This was likely to happen around 16th July this year when the new Runnymede Local Plan is passed. She also reported that a meeting had taken place for those residents who had commented on the Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan, to keep them abreast of the current situation.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the February meeting were agreed and approved after a couple of minor typing alteration had been made. They were then signed off by the Chairman.

Councillors Reports: These were all circulated before the meeting to the committee members.

Cllr EG added that she was delighted to advise the Association that she had been elected as Mayor of Runnymede and at the same meeting Cllr MH was elected as Deputy Mayor. This is unique to have two Independent Councillors for the same ward holding both roles.

Cllr LG advised that Cllr Brian Clarke of Independent Councillor of Egham Town was going to stand down in May, another candidate had agreed to stand in his position. Both Cllr LG and Cllr EG presented the Thorpe neighbour Plan to RBC and the council will be sending it out for Regulation 16 consultation. She also advised that the Judicial Review which turned down the 3rd runway at Heathrow was on a technicality and it will probably still go ahead. The river Thames scheme is fully funded. We were advised that the annual budget for maintenance of the Abbey River was £2000 for the 4-mile stretch, they were going to dredge it (EA) but have not and they are not enforcing Riparian Rights either. It was also report that the Mead Lake Ditch is also clogged with Pennywort which should have been sprayed. The EA are going to send out letters reminding landowners of their Riparian Rights but it seems that MDL are not prepared to anything.

Cllr MH advised she had attended a presentation by RBC about a booklet which is to be given to developers showing the accessibility needs as found by the Runnymede Access Liaison Group. She also spent a lot of time with the current issue of Thorpe Together. As well as dealing with several Museum issues.

Cllr MH was unanimously approved as the TWRA candidate in the forthcoming local elections.

Association Officers Reports: All available reports were circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The treasurer reported that after his report the number of members paying their subscriptions had improved and a final letter will be sent out to those who have not yet paid.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: The list of new applications of which there were 6 were discussed at the meeting and three of these would have letters of objections. It was also advised that a meeting was trying to be set up with the new MP Dr Ben Spencer, this was proving difficult probably as he is new with a steep learning curve.



The councillors reported that they were successful in increasing the Section 106 grants from £98 to £180 per square metre of which the Neighbourhood Forum would receive 25% ie £45 per square metre.

Matters Arising: It was reported that the TESIS Eagle Scouts were keen to contribute something on an ongoing basis to the village and it was suggested that the best way forward would be for the Scout Leader to have a meeting with Cllr EG.

The junction at Coldharbour Lane and Village Road came up for discussion and it was talked through what is required and what the chances are of SCC agreeing. It was agreed that the Treasurer should write to SCC outlining the plans and ask if they were amenable to them.

Apparently, some residents had been complaining about the length of time village roads were closed during the Thorpe Half Marathon and that there had been no discussion with residents. These comments would be forwarded to the Half Marathon organisers.