



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th MAY 2020

Open Forum: There was no questions from members in the Open Forum, therefore this section of the meeting was closed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held in April were agreed by the committee and were signed off by the Chairman.

Councillor Reports:

Cllr LG report was sent out to the committee prior to the meeting. The only additional item mentioned was the state of some paths from overhanging vegetation and the fly-tipping along Muckhatch Lane which is an unadopted road and therefore SCC have little powers. As it is the responsibility of the landowners to keep the road clear, it was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the landowner about this situation.

Cllr EG Most of her month has been taken up with Runnymede response to Covid-19, Runnymede Foodbank and the Thorpe Neighbourhood Support Group.

Cllr MF (Surrey) He was not able to attend this evening but did report via the Treasurer that not only were the Community Recycling sites open but also Countryside car parks will be reopened by the weekend.

Cllr LG wanted to congratulate Cllr EG on her very hard work on the Runnymede Food Bank, she also reported that some 50 councils around the country had submitted a Section 14 notice which means that they have already blown their 2020/21 budget within 6 weeks of the start of the financial year, Runnymede was not one of these. Cllr LG was also asked to expand on the two judicial reviews mentioned in her report, the first concerned the sound surveys at Cemex House apparently at the final day Merlin objected and said they were going to Judicial Review. The second one concerned Ada's Farm, Lyne over the proposed Travellers site.

Association Officers Reports: All available reports were circulated to the committee before the meeting. The Vice Chairman added he had submitted the ENTRUST report in case of any funds being available from this land fill settlement.

The treasurer stated that the committee needed to come to a decision about what to do about members who had not renewed their subscription and according to the constitution should be removed from the database. However, as we are in exceptional circumstances re Covid-19 and the Mail Chimp system now goes out twice a week it was felt that in the present circumstances to allow for increased and up to date information to be supplied to the greatest number of residents we should hold off before deleting them. It was agreed that this was the most sensible course and defer the removal until June/July.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: All new applications had been sent out to the committee prior to the meeting. All applications were then fully discussed at the meeting and where thought it was required the appropriate letter of objections agreed and would be sent to RBC tomorrow. A letter had been sent to James Bevan CEO of the Environment Agency after he had made a speech about the cumulative effect of flooding. His reply indicated that the responsibility firmly rests with the LPA. A letter was therefore drafted to RBC outlining what we had done and asking for the proposed action plan and requesting a



meeting. The committee agreed this letter was the logical next step and should be sent as written.

Cllr LG send the Thorpe neighbourhood Plan had had Thorpe Farm removed as Merlin did not reply to the consultation., the plan should go to Regulation 16 later next week.

Matters Arising: Forms had been completed with a view of obtaining a Secretary for the Association from the Voluntary Support Office in Chertsey. However, it was reported that they had 450 unfilled voluntary roles, it was hoped that the number of volunteers who had come forward during the pandemic would want to continue in some role after the pandemic had been overcome.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions in delivering items Thorpe Together will go out as an electronic issue via Mail Chimp, with only a few printed copies must of these for Penton Park who have an excellent delivery system in place.

The Treasurer reported that the Thorpe Parochial Charities had been approached for a donation to the Runnymede Food bank but due to the way in which the charity is constituted under the Charity Commission this would not be possible.