



## THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

**Open Forum:** There were no questions from the public, so the meeting went forward to the remainder of the items on the agenda.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the October meeting were agreed once three minor typing errors were corrected and then signed off by the Chairman.

**Councillors Reports:**

Cllr MH report which had just been received prior to the meeting as she was unable to attend was read out by the Treasurer.

Cllr LG it was reported that Cllr LG had received a special citation for her work on climate change from the Local Government Authorities (LGA), and he was congratulated by the committee on behalf of the membership.

**Association Officers Reports:** The Vice Chairman, reported that he had sent out the link to the Longcross South consultation presentation, the Environment Agency letter and had updated the residents survey. The Treasurer had nothing to add to his report which had been circulated before the meeting except to say that one invoice was still outstanding for Thorpe Together some 65 days after issue, it had been chased several times and we had just received advice to say it would be paid in the next 4 days.

**Town Planning and Allied Matters:** All new application since the last meeting were circulated to committee members and these were discussed fully at the meeting. The appropriate letters of objection were authorised to be sent in respect of the application the Association felt needed to be declined.

The Vice Chairman attended the Longcross site North and commented on the traffic issues at Kitsmead Lane.

4 Temple Gardens application had passed despite TWRA 's objection and the reason given that a modern house would have better flood protection than the current one and the EA had withdrawn their original objection to the application. Also, the EA had agreed that the flood voids could be reduced. Much discuss then took place over building in the flood plain, the EA standing advice and RBC response to cumulative building in the flood plain, none of which, in the opinion of the Association, was any good at all.

The Treasurer mentioned that the Community Planning Panel last met in December 2018 and was advised by Cllr LG that it was the intention to start it up again soon.

**Matters Arising:** The question of the Residents Survey was brought up and it was though a two-pronged attack would be the best result a mail shot to all houses in the ward and a targeted email via Mail Chimp to members, suggesting to all to complete the survey on the web site rather than the posted one.

It was also brought up about the potential increase in the size of Penton Park with the opportunity to have at least 10% of the available land left as a green space but it was early day in this process.