



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th December 2020

Open Forum: There was a question from a resident about an SPD on preventing development and it was suggested that this should wait until Cllr LG had joined the meeting as she was at the last Planning meeting where this was discussed. Another resident enquired if the Coltscroft development was going to be discussed at tonight's meeting it was agreed that it was and was on the agenda. The Association and the Neighbourhood Forum both agree that 24 is the max number of units on this site. This number was agreed by RBC although it was brought up that RBC would accept 36 and this was discussed. Cllr EG agreed to go back to RBC to seek assurance that 24 was the more appropriate figure.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the November meeting were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr EG advised that not much had taken place in Mayoral duties except of the breaking of ground for Eden Homes at CEMEX House, she also has some on-line meeting re Twinning and hope to visit the Runnymede Foodbank later this week. Her proposed charity for her Mayoral year is going to be "Trees".

Cllr LG submitted her report already which was circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. She delighted to report that the TNF plan was finished and was to be given "Significant Weight" by RBC before its referendum hopefully in May 2021.

It was reported that Cllr MH was unable to attend for personal reasons.

Cllr MF (Surrey) His report had been already sent it and circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. Among the items mentioned was the rates of infection of Covid-19 in Surrey. Also, the proposed increase in Council Tax from April 2021. He also reported that Windsor & Maidenhead were no longer participating in the River Thames Relief scheme (Therefore Datchet will not be covered by the scheme) so the first channel is to be shelved making the Thorpe one the first in line.

Association Officers Reports: These reports were circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The Treasurer still had no response from St Marys, Thorpe in response to his email which offered the Church 50 % of the usual invoice for the Rutherwyke Rooms for 2020 for 25% use of the rooms.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: A report of all new applications were sent to committee member prior to the meeting, these were thoroughly discussed during the meeting and where thought appropriate the committee requested that the required letters of objections be sent to Runnymede Borough Council.

Further to the question raised under Public Section regarding SPD Cllr LG advised that RBC did not think that an SPD was appropriate and would not work in RBC. However, at the last Planning Committee meeting it was agreed to have a public consultation on the introduction of an SPD on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area. It seems to the committee that RBC is more concerned with the Heath area than where residents currently live.



Cllr LG advised that she had attended a meeting with the Minister Chris Pincher where 44,000 replies had been received on the White Paper on Planning revisions, just showing the strength of feeling on this subject.

Matters Arising; The question of the TWRA survey was again raised and it was hope that by setting it up on the TWRA web site we would get some input as getting them delivered to all houses in the ward was proving difficult due to the pandemic.