

THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN
THE RUTHERWYKE ROOM
MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2018

Open Forum: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting – there were several residents from Rosemary Lane and also Penton Park. Cllr. Gillham explained the situation with regard to the proposed development in Rosemary Lane and whilst an outline application for the erection of up to 83 dwellings and associated access has been submitted to RBC Planning, no action will be taken until the results of the Green Belt Review has been resolved. It was suggested that residents make representation to RBC Planning, as their issues were many and varied.

A Similar application had been submitted to RBC for the erection of 43 dwellings in 2002 but that had been rejected. The Chairman advised that he is a Chartered Transport Planner. He added that the current Outline Application included a traffic survey that had been carried out at a time when road works were in situ near Ayebridges Avenue and this called into question any assessment of the existing traffic conditions and likely impact. It was also noted that with further potential developments within the Ward from Local Plan housing sites that are in close proximity, the impact of the pending developments should be taken into account. Our Councillors would raise these matters as and when they arise. TWRA confirmed to residents that a letter had been prepared and would be sent to RBC highlighting residents' concerns. It is estimated that if the Coltscroft development is approved it would probably be around July 2019.

Representatives from Penton Park Residents' Association had accepted TWRA's invitation to attend this meeting. They advised that a number of their residents were having difficulties obtaining home insurance following the 2014 floods and PH confirmed that she would forward the name of an alternative company that may be able to help. Penton Park residents' homes did not flood.

Chair of Virginia Water Football Club gave a presentation with regard to their development plans on a site to the rear of Thorpe Industrial Estate. The land is currently in Green Belt but he is hopeful that RBC will allow him to turn what is currently scrub land into 35 acres of usable football pitches, clubhouse, stands, cricket pitch, a sports and social club and car parking, as well as improving leisure/dog walking areas. He explained that he has to show exceptional circumstances for RBC to consider taking this land out of the Green Belt but he believes with his plans he has achieved this.

Approval of the Minutes: The November Minutes were approved and signed.

Councillors' Reports: These had been distributed prior to the Committee meeting. No issues were raised.

Approval of Association Officers' Reports: These were distributed prior to the meeting and no issues arose.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: These were discussed and only one property was regarded as needing further consideration. A letter will be prepared and sent to RBC Planning.

Matters Arising: NR confirmed that he would attend the February Local Plan Hearing.

It was agreed that PH would respond to SCC with regard to the consultation on the Lyne Recycling Centre.