

**THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN**  
**THE RUTHERWYKE ROOM**  
**MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**Open Forum:** Appreciation was expressed that the hedge at the top of Rosemary Lane had been cut back.

The new landlord of The Red Lion was welcomed. He advised the meeting of his refurbishment and community plans for the pub.

TWRA were asked what was the current status of the Public Enquiry in relation to a property in Aymer Close. LG said it is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Approval of December Minutes:** These were approved and signed.

**Councillors' Reports:** These had been distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. The status of current consultations was discussed. Reported potholes were recorded and the details will be passed onto SCC. It was reported that RBC had confiscated a lorry whose owners had been responsible for fly tipping around the Borough.

The Association Officers' Reports were distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting and these were all approved. Discussions arose regarding the possibility of replacing the two benches by the Thorpe War Memorial. The condition of the Thorpe Cemetery Gates was also discussed and Councillor Harnden will raise this matter with RBC. PH will also contact RBC with regard to the poor condition of a Copper Beech Tree that may require attention and also the footpaths which, it was suggested, be repaired once the extension to the cemetery has taken place. NR suggested we prepare a 'project list'. IP advised that 21 new lamppost poppies need replacing. The CEMEX house development was discussed and it was suggested that it might come to RBC Planning in February.

**Town Planning and Allied Matters:** The past month's planning applications were discussed. If and where necessary draft objection letters would be prepared and sent to the Committee for approval.

**Update on the Local Plan Inspection:** LG had attended meetings regarding the Local Plan and the response from the Highways Agency. There are to be further meetings in February but the decision is expected in September. LG advised that several developers are poised to submit planning applications as soon as land is freed from the Green Belt. The MUSE Development in Thorpe Lea Road would see 220 houses however the Kerry Foods site which is scheduled to come out of the Green Belt will not see any development for 10-15 years.

**Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan:** TWRA expressed disappointment that they had not been consulted with regarding to the VW Local Plan. They have included Thorpe Green, which should be excluded from their plan, as it is, without question, part of Thorpe.

**Heathrow Airspace and Future Ops Consultation:** LG is chairing a meeting on behalf of RBC on 5<sup>th</sup> February and will respond to TWRA at the February Committee Meeting. There is to be a Heathrow Airspace and Future Operations Consultation held at The Hythe Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2-8pm.

**Rail Link:** There are five schemes and the DOT has to choose one. It has been suggested that the one that may go through Thorpe would be underground. No decisions have yet been made.

Mr Graham Walker, Landlord of The Red Lion was asked if he wished to join the TWRA as a co-opted Committee Member before standing for full election to the Committee at the forthcoming AGM in April 2019. His appointment was voted on unanimously.