

## THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE RUTHERWYKE ROOM

8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019

**Open Forum:** The Chairman welcomed members attending, three of whom stayed for the committee meeting to consider joining the committee. Concerns were raised by two members regarding overgrown verges. They were advised that, although SCC have reduced the number of cuts to 4 per year, Runnymede and Spelthorne have agreed a shared contract to do more. A member enquired about Neighbourhood Watch schemes and was interested in starting one. Details of who to contact to be provided. Cllr. Gillham reported she had met with Chief Inspector Pinkerton of Surrey Police who said Thorpe Village is almost crime free. Thorpe Park pay for additional police coverage during events such as "Fright Nights". A member stated he had recently had tools taken from his van, and was advised to contact Police for a DNA kit to mark his property. These are helping police arrest criminals who are part of an organised crime ring. LG also reported on CCTV cameras on the Industrial Estate, arrest of fly tippers on Chertsey Bridge Road, car number plates being stolen and cloned, child traffickers at Cobham Services, and pub watch for drugs.

#### **Previous minutes approved and signed**

**Councillor reports and Association Officers reports** had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Treasurer reported £44.80 had been raised for the Association at the Thorpe Summer Fayre, and four new members signed up. The Chairman raised the matter of affiliating members of Penton Park Residents' Association. This requires an SGM to change the Constitution. SG to take place at next Committee Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September, and an announcement to be sent out on MailChimp. It was announced the new Memorial benches to be installed in the coming week. The old benches to be refurbished and stored by Cllr. Gill until they can be installed, with a plaque, in the Cemetery.

**Town Planning and Allied matters:** Committee agreed one letter of objection to be sent regarding a minor extension in the floodplain. Updated list of objections was circulated.

**Neighbourhood Forum and Local Plan:** Cllr. Gillham gave a brief summary on the Local and Neighbourhood plans for the benefit of the new members. At the recent Forum Open Event 59 questionnaires were completed, the majority stated they would be in favour of releasing, from the Green Belt, a parcel of land behind Coldharbour Lane/Ten Acre Lane for housing, playing area and village car park. She also advised the village shopkeeper is asking for a grant to install awnings on the front of the shop to cover stalls with fresh produce.

**Matters Arising:** The Chairman of Penton Park Residents' Association reported difficulties in accessing the A320 Chertsey Lane at the Thorpe Park roundabout. The previous weekend Traffic Police were in attendance but did not have the authority to

direct traffic. Cllr.Gill agreed to contact Helen Bull at Thorpe Park to arrange a meeting. Cllr. Gillham advised she is attending a meeting of local businesses regarding the Heathrow Airport Consultation. A report was given on the project to regenerate the Cemetery. The promised additional land from Cemex is in the hands of their, and Runnymede BC's solicitors. The Chairman has sent out a Project initiation Document. The Chairman is meeting with members of the Flood Action Group to discuss a "Do Minimum" evaluation of how to minimise risk on a restricted budget, until the River Thames Scheme is implemented. Membership update – new flyers and membership forms have been printed, the Membership Secretary will start visiting homes to discuss the benefits of being a TWRA member. He gave an update on the BBQ/Music Event on August Bank Holiday Monday, and the Village Walk on 21<sup>st</sup> July looking at historic buildings and footpaths.

**Any Other Business:** Cllr. Gillham reported on the plan for new retirement homes at St. Peter's Hospital, with a 48 short term care centre for patients prior to returning home. The Ice House on site to be restored and opened to view. An Open Day exhibition to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July for the Longcross South development. Questions were raised about the development of Fernbank Farm, Bridge Lane and the effect on the River Bourne and the flood plain. Pot holes were reported and a new 8 ft. fence around Acorn Farm.

**Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**