

**THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE
RUTHERWYKE ROOM**

11th March 2019

Previous Meeting Minutes: These were approved and signed by the Chairman

Open Forum: Residents from Redwood and Holland Gardens attended as they had concerns regarding the planning application to redevelop Ashleigh, by replacing one bungalow with 5 detached houses. Support was requested from TWRA who have already submitted a letter of objection.

Cllr. Harnden stated the Environment Agency will object as the proposed development is in Flood Zone 3b.

The Chairman reported the EA have advised the cost of the RTS has increased to £588 million and they are short of funding by £234 million. No ground would be broken until it is fully funded.

A resident from Temple Gardens questioned the height recommended for the mobile homes in Thames Retreat (The Old Fishing Temple). These, together with balconies have become overbearing. The Chairman advised that TWRA would write an objection.

Councillors' Reports: Reports had been distributed prior to the meeting. As not all of the Committee had seen Cllr. Few's report it was read, explaining a new way of reporting pot holes, and the review of Fire Stations. Discussion was held regarding the level of cover overnight at Egham Fire Station.

Officers' Reports: Reports from The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were distributed to Committee prior to the meeting. It was noted with sadness that the Secretary would not stand for re-election at the AGM and was standing down from the Committee for personal reasons. The Chairman gave a report of his appearance at the Local Plan hearing with regard to flooding matters. Treasurer reported new benches were being ordered for the War Memorial out of the remaining funds.

Town Planning: The Planning Secretary had visited all the sites listed in the RBC Planning Application Form for the past month. Draft letters of objection were agreed for applications within the flood plain and will be sent to RBC.

The Local Plan is in abeyance until at least July and the plan will not be "Made" until at least November 2019

The Neighbourhood Plan has formed an outline plan which has been circulated amongst the sub committee for amendments. Two more open days will be held on 17th and 18th May.

Matters Arising: The Chairman reported on the new Governance handbook, which will be available on the website. He has been liaising with the Penton Park Residents' Association to form a closer working relationship with TWRA.

AGM will be on 8th April at the Rutherwyke Rooms.

Membership Renewal and Growth: Discussion was held on a way forward to encourage residents to become involved.