

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

13th May 2019

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

Open Forum: A representative from Rosemary Lane attended to enquire about the current situation with regard to the Coltscroft planning application, and was advised that the land remains in the Green Belt until Runnymede's Local Plan has been passed by the Inspector. This is not likely to be until the end of 2019.

Election of Officers: Postponed until next meeting as several committee members were absent.

Councillors' Reports: Had been circulated prior to the meeting. Thanks were given for the support councillors had received at the elections. The Councillors confirmed their new committee roles at Runnymede Borough Council are:

- Cllr. Elaine Gill – Planning and Licencing,
- Cllr Linda Gillham – Corporate Management & Overview & Scrutiny,
- Cllr Margaret Harnden – Commercial Services & Standards & Audit

Officers' Reports: Chairman's and Treasurer's reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Treasurer reported we had received a Government refund of VAT on the money spent on the War Memorial. He also advised that an Eagle Scout student from TESIS wishes to design and build a bench for the Cemetery, as a project.

Town Planning: Committee agreed letters of objection should be sent for three planning applications in the Flood Plain.

Local Plan: Is in abeyance until at least July and the plan will not be "Made" until at least February 2020.

Neighbourhood Plan: The two Open Days planned for mid May have been postponed until 15th and 16th June.

Ashleigh, Redwood: The Environment Agency has objected to the planning application by Coda Planning for Simco Homes on flooding grounds.

Agreed meeting with RBC Planning: To be held on 29th May at Council offices to discuss the Cumulative effect of development in the Flood Plain. Chairman and Vice Chair to attend.

Thames Retreat: Planning permission sought to amend conditions of height of mobile homes above ground, to brick in around the bases, and also application for a Sub Station to be built. The EA have objected.

Penton Park Residents' Association: Holding a special general meeting to discuss the alliance between our two associations.

Membership: Report was given on sub committee meeting to discuss the way forward, and how to make the Association relevant to the next generation. Suggestions are to have projects, events, and membership cards which would give members discounts to local businesses such as The Red Lion. A music event has been planned for August Bank Holiday Monday.

Thorpe Together: The next issue will be delivered early in June.

AOB: The Cemetery Lych Gate, the Animal Pound, The War Memorial and the Red Lion have been submitted for consultation on Local Listing by RBC.

Two new Independent Councillors from Ottershaw ward wish to join the Runnymede Independent Residents Group. Committee decided unanimously that, for the time being, the current Councillors in the Group work by forming a loose alliance with the two, who are supported by Brox Lane RA and Brox End Nursery RA. It was agreed that at a suitable time in the future, and at the current R.I.R.G. Councillors discretion, they are invited to become account members and in this process they are guided by the Treasurer of the R.I.R.G.

Photographs were shown of various SLOW signs in and around the village which need repainting. It was agreed to take photos and send to SCC Highways, copy to our County Councillor.