



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER 2019

Remembrance: A two-minute silence was observed.

Open Forum: There were no residents in the meeting and therefore this section was opened and closed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the October meeting were read and agreed after a small typing error was corrected and then they were signed of by the Chairman. A comment to the effect that could the minutes be shorter, it was pointed out that future committee members may wish to delve into the archives to see what happened in detail on a particular subject and the minutes were the only official document which could provide this.

Councillors Reports: The available reports had been sent out prior to the meeting.

Cllr EG reported she had attended three training sessions covering flooding and emergency resilience, Member's code of conduct and Procedures. A great deal time was spent on the Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan and she had also met with Planners and Developers.

Runnymede Local Plan; the final hearing on the A320 would be heard on 14th November and the Inspector had invited comment and the TWRA had submitted a report raising concerns that the traffic model may be under-representing north-south trips in the ward. Therefore, not showing to its true extent congestion at key points.

Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan: The Plan was available for viewing at the Church and Red Lion together with consultation forms for residents to complete. Regulation 14 is the most important part of the plan this is where residents get a further chance to comment of the proposals before the plan continues its journey. TNF is the first plan (out of approx 2600 neighbourhood plans so far "made") to include Section 136 of the NPPF to enable them to amend the Green Belt Boundary. It was suggested that TWRA form a subcommittee to read the plan and write a report outlining any concerns and report back at the next meeting.

Association Officers Reports: All available reports were circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. The Chairman added to his report that the footpath down Mill Lane is very slippery due to moss. It was agreed that photos should be taken and a report filed with RBC. It was also pointed out the graffiti on the Moat Bridge and Cllr EG agreed to see who is responsible for its maintenance.

The Chairman reminded members that another litter picking was taking place this coming weekend, the first one was very successful with 12-13 bags of litter collected.

It was reported that our MP Philip Hammond would be writing to the Secretary of State for Environment, and Housing and Local Government about minor developments in the flood plain. However, Philip Hammond is standing down at the next election and we shall probably have to start all over again.

Town Planning and Allied matters: Two member in the room were asked to excuse themselves whilst the next subject was discussed as there would be a conflict of interest. The new planning applications were quickly dealt with and three letters of objection sent to RBC.



Extensive discussion then took place over the application for TESIS to build a Dormitory Block behind St Mary's Church. Various concerns were raised including being too close to the Church. However, the committee did wish to work closely with TESIS to achieve an outcome which was agreeable to both parties and the committee agreed that it would look positively on any alternative plans that may be presented.

Matters Arising: It was reported that the river Thames Scheme is going ahead and most of the financing has been agreed, except for the Windsor & Maidenhead section which is looking doubtful.

It was reported that the firework evening was 99% successful with about 70 people attending and £600 raised. However, the cost of the event was £820, and poor weather may have deterred many people from attending.