

**THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**EXTRACTS OF MEETING HELD IN THE RUTHERWYKE ROOM**  
**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**Special General Meeting:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Treasurer introduced the amendment to the Constitution and explained that the reason for the change is in order to incorporate members of other associations within Thorpe Ward, such as Penton Park residents, who do not wish to become full members. Motion was proposed and seconded. On a show of hands 24 voted for, none against.

**Open Forum:** A resident enquired why he has to leave the meeting at 8 p.m. when Open Forum finishes. The Chairman explained that he was welcome to stay for the committee meeting but only as a member of the committee. The resident went on to express his objection to the TESIS planning application for a new dormitory block and wished to know what the Association has done about it. He was informed that a letter of objection had been submitted, and copies of correspondence would be passed on to him. Discussion took place regarding the request by TESIS that TWRA withdraw its objection. It was agreed that our objection still remains. It was generally agreed that there should have been better communication from the governing body, prior to the submission. It was also agreed that we should continue to have a representative of TESIS on our committee as their current member of staff is a valued member of TWRA.

Fr. Damian reminded us of the Remembrance Sunday Parade on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Application has been made for street closure and high visibility jackets.

Jonathon Purssey of Core Judo gave a brief presentation regarding his wish to redevelop the cricket pavilion on Thorpe Green with a new, purpose built Judo centre. His proposal includes redeveloping the old tennis courts and car park to provide a larger car park, and a multi-purpose court which could be used for football/basketball etc. The main building would have toilets and changing facilities. It would mean an increase of 80% footprint in the green belt, but he is hoping it would be viewed as Exceptional Circumstances, as he wishes to fulfil sports needs and bring more to the local community. In discussion with Runnymede Open Spaces he is considering security lighting and CCTV, to make the area safer for members and the public alike. It was agreed that an article regarding the proposal should go in Thorpe Together.

**Approval of previous minutes and review:** No comments were made and the minutes were signed.

**Councillor Reports:** Reports from Councillors had been circulated prior to the meeting

Cllr Gillham added a report regarding meetings concerned with HAL (Heathrow Airport Limited) following her report last month. HAL are aware they have lost the trust of local people because of matters promised and not delivered on. There could be more consultations on the expansion of the third runway and on flight paths. At present there is no information on proposed flight paths.

Cllr Gill commented on item in Cllr. Few's report regarding SCC's policy to plant a tree for each resident over 5 years. She said that to date SCC have taken out thousands of trees. It was also reported that Sarah Squire of Squires Nurseries is giving a donation for more trees to be planted.

**Association Officers' Reports:** The Treasurer advised one invoice outstanding for Thorpe Together. He announced the War Memorial book is now published and copies available for £5.

PPRA Chairman advised that Penton Park Residents held a Macmillan Coffee morning last week and raised £1008.

**Town Planning & Allied Matters:** The latest planning applications were discussed and Committee agreed we should object to two applications in the flood plain.

Planning advisor reported a letter had been sent, following September's meeting, to the CEO of RBC on 25<sup>th</sup> September regarding lack of action on the agreed project to look at minor development in the flood plain. His reply was read out. RBC are not prepared to take this further until the new year. Also follow up emails regarding this to Philip Hammond have been ignored. Report given on letters of objection to planning sent in the last month, one of which has been refused by RBC planning.

Local Plan Inspector has invited written representation for the Stage 3 Hearings regarding Transport and the A320. Planning advisor read out a suggested letter regarding the section of A320 between Chertsey and Staines. Committee agreed to send it.

**Matters Arising: Polling stations review:** Cllr Gillham explained that, in the last Boundaries Review, we lost part of Egham Hythe and therefore the polling station at Egham Cricket Club. We gained Penton Park and Laleham Reach and the polling station at Penton Park will now be in Thorpe Ward. The Review suggests moving the Mobile Polling station from Ashleigh Avenue (TH3) to the junction of Thorpe Lea Road and Wavendene Avenue. Discussion took place and it was agreed to object on the grounds of dangerous road, with HGV lorries, and lack of parking. Cllr Gillham also said she believes RBC will reduce from four polling stations in the Ward to three and she has recommended Truss's Island (TH2) to go. (This was not mentioned in the consultation) One committee member strongly objected, backed by others. As we had not received notification from RBC of the review, they agreed to extend the

deadline for submission to midday on 15<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed that TWRA should object to the change of TH3, and removal of TH2.

**Membership Update/Fireworks event:** The Treasurer reported two new members. The Membership Secretary offered to deliver the remaining membership cards. Next year The Treasurer wishes to embed membership cards within online receipts, For those who are not on email, he will print cards.

Mail Chimp to give details of Bonfire Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> November with a disclaimer safety notice. The event will take place at Warren Farm. Parking is arranged at TASIS as well as the Red Lion car park. Donations of £10 per adult (children under 16 free) will be requested at the gate, and bonfire night food will be available. There is a toilet on site. People were asked to provide wood for the bonfire, and Marshalls are needed for parking and guiding. Permission is required from RBC. Notices will be put up at either end of the village.

**Communication, Web site and Facebook:** Communications officer was absent so discussion about migration and updating of the website was postponed until next meeting.

**AOB:** We were reminded that Marshalls are needed for the Remembrance Service Parade on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Four committee members volunteered. Cllr Gill has ordered the wreath for TWRA and suggested this to be laid by our Chairman.

The Red Lion landlord has put old photos of Thorpe on the walls of the pub and would appreciate any more that people might have.

Cllr Gill reported one of the Heritage Lamps on the post outside the village hall has been taken away and replaced by a modern lamp. She is investigating with SCC.

Overgrown brambles and faded road markings were reported. These matters to be followed up. It was reported three trees belonging to TASIS are overgrown. The Scout Hut tree report shows only remedial treatment and has gone to tender.

**Next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 p.m.**