



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th FEBRUARY 2020

Special Presentation: This evening meeting has a special presentation by the Runnymede Neighbourhood Watch Chairman and Vice Chairman. The presentation started with the idea behind Neighbourhood Watch and confirmed that there was a definite link between a reduction in crime and having a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Thorpe would come under SE Region which includes Surrey Neighbourhood Watch and within that section comes Runnymede Neighbourhood Watch which was established in 2010. There are 117 schemes in Runnymede but they would like more and the current schemes reach out to about 20,000 residents about 25% of the borough. The core values of the scheme were then outlined and the nearest ones to Thorpe being Green Lane and Blacketts Close, there use to be 6 in Thorpe but all have ceased over the years. Neighbourhood Watch was a two-way channel between residents and police and can supply information about the various crimes in the area. They then explained how a neighbourhood Watch scheme could be started, with ideally no more than 30 houses, once everyone in the proposed scheme was onboard with the idea and an Area Coordinator is appointed stickers are supplied together with lamp post signs to advertise the existence of the scheme. Overall Surrey is considered a safe county and Runnymede is a safe borough and the more neighbourhood watches set up the more it will drive down crime.

Open Forum: There were no issues raised by members and therefore this part of the meeting was closed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the January's meeting were agreed and approved and signed off by the Chairman.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr LG read out her report. Two members of the committee attended the planning meeting where Ashleigh was passed, prior to the meeting the EA was contacted to ascertain why they were not objecting, they only look at new units not the actual increase in resident number in the property in question, which is contra to the EA standing advice.

Cllr EG stated that all relevant councillors had received Flood Training but must accept the EA advice. It was remarked by a committee member that Permitted Development is going to be part of the new Planning White Paper.

Cllr MH read out her report, which consisted of many meetings including training days for Trustees, Gateway briefings, the LIT program and Runnymede Access Liaison Group annual awards.

It was also advised that the number of enforcement officers in Runnymede was soon to rise to 4 from 3 and it is hoped that they will be able to catch up with the current backlog.

Cllr MF (Surrey) There was no report from Cllr MF on this occasion although the Treasurer was advised by email that the roundabout at the top of Green Road with Thorpe By-pass was the responsibility of RBC and not SCC.

Association Officers Reports: The available reports were circulated before the meeting. The Committee was advised that the final amount received from Thorpe half Marathon tickets had risen to £180.60.



Town Planning and Allied Matters: All new planning applications were brought before the committee and all discussed in depth, those which the Association felt would be detrimental to the Ward, the reasons for which were discussed and letters of objection proposed.

Runnymede Local Plan should be made by Jul/Aug 2020.

Thorpe neighbourhood Plan, a meeting was planned soon with RBC to resolve any issues before Regulation 15. Cllr EG was to hold a meeting at her house next week for residents of Rosemary Lane to discuss Coltscroft, to ensure they have the full picture.

Matters Arising: A report was produced by the Treasurer about the TESIS Eagle Scout Project was read to the committee and the way forward was discussed. Other project was also discussed in the Cemetery which included improvement to the car park. Cllr MH will contact RBC to see what further can be done.

Communication, Promotion and News items: We have had an email from E-Voice who are taking over the operation of the Surrey Community Web Site which hosts TWRA. It was also suggested that a mobile phone be obtained and phone number to allow members to contact the organisation without using a committee members phone number. This was agreed by Committee and will be progressed.

Any Other Business: It was reported that the 30-year leases being proposed at Thames Retreat will be a nonstarter as if classified as a mobile home site will come under the Mobile Home Act, which also do not allow for roof terraces.

It was raised that the roundabout at the end of Green Road needs pruning to aid visibility. Cllr MF stated that it was SCC position was that if a driver could not see over the roundabout they would approach with more caution.

The drains in Village Road were also discussed and who was responsible for clearing them. RBC clearly stated it was SCC's responsibility. SCC responded that the drains are cleared on a regular basis and the current frequency was enough as they have 13320 gullies to maintain.

It was raised that the TWRA Governance Procedures need updating before the next AGM.