



**THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 13th JULY 2020**

Open Forum: There again were no matters arising from the membership at this part of the agenda and therefore it was closed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the June meeting were approved by the committee and signed off by the Chairman.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr LG She reported that she was waiting on an update on the DCO re the River Thames Scheme, but another committee member raised the point that she thought it was going to be a planning application after discussions with our MP. Cllr LG expressed concern if it went ahead as a planning application as this would delay the start to the actual work. It seems that section 1 of the RTS scheme has been dropped as the Local Authority concerned could not /would not find the funds.

Cllr MH had nothing to add to her already submitted report.

Cllr EG also had submitted a report prior to the meeting, and she had other business tonight, but there were no amendments or additions to the report.

Association Officers Reports: All available reports were circulated to the committee before the meeting. The Treasurer gave some more details on the proposed Eagle Scout project in the Thorpe Cemetery and put TESIS in touch with the Cemetery Manager at RBC. Also, it was confirmed that Mail Chimps were only being sent out once a week instead of the twice a week during the pandemic.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: All new applications had been sent out to committee members before the meeting and these were all discussed at length during the meeting. Where the increase in flooding risk has come about due to continued building of minor and permitted developments in the Flood Zone 3B. The cumulative effect in one area of 6 such developments meant the loss of 330 sqm. With no comment from the EA had it been one building then they would have to comment and get involved. After discussion, those applications to which the Association should object and letters of objection to be sent were confirmed.

The Runnymede Local Plan is expected to be formally passed in the next few days and will last for 10 years and therefore the next one will have to start being worked on already. The Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan is currently out for consultation and it is anticipated that by mid-August will go to the Examiner.

Matter Arising: The Treasurer confirmed that all those members who had not renewed their membership fees had been removed from the database and Mail Chimp system. It was reported that Berkley Homes are taking out recreational area for housing on Penton Park, this is in the Flood Zone as well as being in the Green Belt and RBC have taken action to stop the work. All three local councillors toured Penton Park and the various issues were explained and the residents were grateful for any assist that the councillors can give.