



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 2020

Open Forum: There were no questions from the Open Forum and therefore this section was closed.

However, the Chairman wish to express the committee thanks to a retiring committee member for all the hard work they had undertaken particularly in the field of planning.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the September meeting were approved after several updates were given on the minutes and actions taken. They were then signed off by the Chairman.

Councillors Reports: Unfortunately, no local councillors were able to attend the meeting due to other commitments and therefore no reports were available.

Cllr MF (Surrey) The government has withdrawn the invitation for Surrey to form a Unitary Authority. In the meantime, SCC continues to discuss with Government financial compensation re the Covid-19 pandemic as at present they are still out of pocket. The biggest hole in SCC finances continue to be the non-collection of business rates and council tax by the boroughs, this is compounded by the extra demand on Children Services. An application from a private contractor to erect a medical waste incinerator at Kitts Mead Farm and this is being assessed by SCC. Crest Nicholson have submitted a revised mixed planning application for Longcross North & South.

Cllr MF was advised that the road markings in the village are poor, and Cllr MF agreed to take this up with SCC Highways.

Association Officers Reports: All available reports had been submitted to the committee prior to the meeting and there were no further additions or amendments raised.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: All new planning applications had been circulated to the committee prior to the meeting, each application was discussed in detail and where felt it required a letter of objection the grounds and wording were agreed by the committee. The Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan was being examined at the current time and the Inspector had visited the area before making his recommendation.

Cllr MF (Surrey) advised that Whitehall Farm had submitted a planning application for Gravel Extraction by the WET method which was preferable to the DRY method that Milton Park Farm (Next door) wish to use and this has held up their application for the last 12 years. It is Government Policy to extract Gravel wherever it is found, therefore objections to the extraction are likely to fail however the transport method is another matter as there only appears to be two routes to choose from both having a great deal of difficulties and hardship to residents. The committee discussion of the Gravel Extraction was long and protracted and covered many areas, particularly traffic implications.

Matters Arising: The position of Membership Secretary was discussed but no firm action agreed. It was reported that the person approached as a potential Secretary had declined the kind offer due to work commitments over the next 18 months. It was agreed that the Northwest Surrey Volunteer Service be advised of the vacancy, to see if this would bring any results.