



EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION HELD ONLINE ON 12TH APRIL 2021

Open Forum: Discussions took place surrounding an observation made by a resident concerning the Green Spaces in The Gower and Fleetway and who were responsible for the trees planted in these areas along with associated activities permitted on the land. The actual ownership of the land and trees were unknown, and enquiries should be sought by the TWRA to ascertain the ownership with respect to these areas. The Secretary agreed to contact Runnymede Borough Council and Surrey County Council to check on the facts.

A second point was raised by a resident about speeding through the village and would it be possible for speed humps to be placed along village road particularly coming up the corner at Giles Travers Close from both directions. Previous discussions with the County Councillor for this area that Surrey Highways Dept. are **not** in favour of speed humps unless all other measures had been tried and failed, even then they would be reluctant to install them.

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

Councillors Reports:

Cllr LG gave a report on planning matters and the reasons why applications had been passed, also she advised of the action by Enforcement Officers around the Ward. She then added that it seems that the old Stroude Road Residents Association was to be reformed and hoped that they would re-join the Runnymede Independent Residents Group.

Mayor EG stated that due to the Pandemic not much had gone on in the way of mayoral duties, she did attend virtually several meetings and it is hoped that as the current restrictions were lifted then more face-to-face activity would take place.

Cllr MH reported on the continuing efforts to reinvigorate the Twinning process with our German counterpart. She also attended some meetings again most of them virtual.

Cllr MF (SCC) There was no report from him as he is standing down at the May elections after 12 very busy years representing the southern half of the Thorpe Ward together with other areas at County level. The committee expressed their grateful thanks for all the hard work that he had done on behalf of the residents and Association.

Association Officers Reports: These were all distributed before the meeting to the committee. The Secretary added that it was hoped that the tree documents sent to the committee on issues which continue to vex residents could be reviewed and amended where required before they were placed on the TWRA web site as a reference guide to residents. These documents were "How to object to a planning application", "Riparian Rights" "Overgrowing trees and hedges"

Town Planning & Allied news: The current list of submitted application had already been sent to the committee prior to the meeting and they were discussed and where thought appropriate letters would be sent to Runnymede Borough Council.

Other Matters: Cllr EG had produced the canvassing schedule for the upcoming elections where the TWRA were proud to support Cllr MH for re-election