



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2021

Open Forum: There was one visitor at this meeting who was concerned about the proposed development at Coltscroft. Cllr EG then spoke to her outlining the current position and what TWRA and the Thorpe Neighbourhood Forum felt would be acceptable on this plot but suggested that the visitor wrote to RBC expressing her concerns over the site. The Chairman then outlined other areas in which the TWRA currently active.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the December 2020 meeting were approved after a small typing error was pointed out and they were then signed off by the Chairman.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr LG reported that work was ongoing with the Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan and the Coltscroft proposed development and she had undertaken some on-line training. There was a question mark over the May Local Elections at present and these may have to be delayed u September all due to the pandemic.

Cllr EG has been working with Cllr LG over the Coltscroft proposal. Because of the pandemic there has been little in the way of Mayoral duties, although she does have a couple of on-line meetings re the twinning with Bergisch Gladbach.

Cllr MH reported that she had heard that Thorpe Ward had slipped down the deprivation list and stood 5th in the Borough. Cllr LG pointed out that this was probably due to the number of people on furlough Cllr MH said she would seek clarification from RBC.

Cllr MF (Surrey) His report had already been sent out to committee members prior to the meeting. He did elaborate on the election situation, but he thought they would go ahead although some contingency planning was in place to delay them if required. He also announced that he would be stepping down at the 2021 elections after 12 years as a County Councillor and the whole committee thanked him for his hard work on behalf of residents.

Association Officers Reports: All available reports were circulated to the committee before the meeting The Chairmen did add that an on-line meeting was held with our MP Dr Ben Spencer concerned with flooding on Flood Zone 3b due to the cumulative effects minor and permitted developments. It was agreed that another meeting with the MP and members of the planning team at RBC would be beneficial. The Treasurer advised the committee that the Examiner was prepared to examine the TWRA books for 2020 and he would arrange for the to be delivered to him within the week.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: The current list of planning application was submitted to the committee prior to the meeting. These were all discussed in turn and where appropriate the Treasurer was instructed to write the letters of objection to RBC. The letter TWRA requested that the EA sent out to landowners who had riparian rights should have gone out by now.

Cllr LG advised the committee that unless a Statutory body objects (i.e. EA) then RBC would lose on appeal if they refused an application for minor development in the Flood Plain and the EA only concerns itself with projects above 250 square metres.



Matters Arising: Problems were brought up about issues at Penton Park and given more information TWRA would write and support the Penton Park Residents Association in their endeavours. It was confirmed that the changeover to Natural Gas is going ahead with the new supplier covering all the costs.

It was reported that a dog had eaten some substance on the Frank Muir Field which had made it very ill and required a visit to the Vet a warning was sent out via Mail Chimp. It was reported that several the small silver nitrous oxide gas containers have been found over in the car park at Penton Park, if this persists then the Police should be informed.