



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2021

Open Forum: Two residents attended to discuss planning application RU.21/0276 in Rosemary Lane, this matter was thoroughly discussed at committee and it was agreed that TWRA would also submit a letter of objection. After this discussion, the question of 4 large potential developments in Staines upon Thames were discussed which would comprise of three 15 storey blocks of flats and a 300-bed hotel and the implications this would bring on the transport network.

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

Councillors Reports:

Cllr LG talked about the forthcoming elections and recommended due to the pandemic that residents should apply for a postal vote, it was agreed that this would be put in the next newsletter.

Cllr EG chaired a full council meeting as Mayor and had attend several online discussions, she remarked that the Egham Show which had been nominated for a Queens Award for Voluntary services.

Cllr MH in line with other councillors had attended several on ine meetings and the Muse Development, Thorpe Lea Road, was causing a great deal of unrest in the surrounding area with over 297 objections so far.

Cllr MF reported that the Covid vaccinations were moving forward at a great pace, he also gave an update on the A320, gravel extraction and the medical incinerator. He also announced that he would not be standing at the election in May having served 12 years as a County Councillor, he was thanked by the committee for his hard work on behalf of the Ward.

Association Officers Reports: These were all distributed before the meeting, the Treasurer added that he would be deleting those members who had not paid this year's subscriptions from the Database and Mail Chimp records. Our insurance policy was due for renewal on 1st April and questioned if we needed to seek cover for Litter Pickers, the Vice Chairman said he would follow this up.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: The current list of fresh planning applications had been circulated to the committee and these were each discussed in turn and where thought appropriate letters of objections would be sent into RBC. The Muse Development caused discussion over the quality of the objections and a draft document on how to object to planning applications, Riparian Rights and Overgrowing hedges and trees was prepared and circulated to the committee for comment before being placed on the TWRA web site. Agreement should also be sought from RBC about using their flood maps as part of an objection in case we could be thought to be breaching copyright.

Matter Arising: The AGM is to be postponed until possible Sept 2021, The Secretarial position is still vacant and enquires are still being made with certain individuals.