Rowly Drive Residents' Association

Minutes of AGM Thursday 15th July 2010 at 8pm Held in Cranleigh Nursery School

Committee Members Present: John Kearsley (Chair), Sue Barrow (Treasurer), Louise Harbutt (Secretary)

Apologies received from Mike Golden, Roy Collison and Philip Koniotes

Association Members Present: As per attached Attendance Sheet, 10 households were represented at the meeting.

Apologies received from Threlles, Finchingfield, Broadmead & Craster

John opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance, and apologies for absence were given.

1. Adoption of 2009 Minutes

John gave a summary of the 2009 AGM Minutes and adoption of these as an accurate recording of the meeting was proposed by Norman Norton of Pembury and seconded by Freda Clarke of Aspen.

2. Chair's Report for previous financial year

John advised 37 potholes were repaired at a cost of approximately £4000 by the same contractor as used in the previous year. As requested at last year's AGM, a quote was obtained using cheaper materials but this would only have realised a saving of around £100, and householders were pleased with the durability of the previous repairs through the harsh winter conditions.

Five planning applications had been circulated to the membership, and none of these had been objected to by the committee.

John had replied to any queries that arose during the year from either prospective purchasers or their solicitors, and from members in the road.

3. Treasurer's Report

Sue presented the accounts for the last financial year and the proposed budget for the current year which had been circulated in advance of the meeting to all householders. It was agreed that these should be uploaded onto the website. (**Action SB**) Income is down on the previous year due to 15 households not having paid the subscription, despite the committee having circulated 4 reminders. The question of publishing a list of non-contributors was again raised but this was not agreed as only 2 members voted in favour. The only expenditure in the previous year had been gifts for Mrs Broadhurst over the previous years, paint to mark the potholes, and website hosting. The pothole repairs which were delayed to wet weather conditions will be deferred to this year's expenditure.

The deposit account had been closed by the previous Treasurer, Roger King, due to the low level of interest received and the balance transferred into the current account. It was suggested an internet savers account may offer a better rate of interest at 2.5 – 2.7% and Sue will establish whether this type of account is accessible for organisations, and if not review other deposit accounts on offer, as the constitution states the RDRA should have two accounts. (Action SB). Suggestions were made to amend the way in which the accounts are presented and Sue will review this. (Action SB)

It was proposed by Sue that the subscription for the 2010/2011 budget is maintained at £45 and this was unanimously agreed.

4. Re-election of committee members and officers

John thanked Roy Collison for his valuable contribution to the committee over the previous years, as Roy had decided not to stand for re-election. It was proposed that Philip Koniotes of Rowly Edge be co-opted onto the committee and the remaining 4 members be re-elected which was agreed unanimously. John suggested that the constitution be amended so that a quorum of 4 members rather than 5 be required at a meeting, and this was proposed by Norman Norton of Pembury and seconded by Tom Cotton of Rhosilli.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Road Resurfacing

It was suggested the road could be resurfaced in sections assuming sufficient funds could be collected to undertake this work, and it was agreed that all households should be canvassed to establish willingness to pay. (Action Committee to prepare survey).

5.2 Website

Comments were received that the website was not up to date. Louise advised that all the minutes from previous years had been sent to the webmaster for uploading and are available on the website. The 2010 minutes from committee meetings and the AGM minutes will be uploaded once drafted. It was also noted that articles 3, 7, and 8 of the constitution are incorrectly titled Membership and this will be amended, together with the reduction in quorum number as previously agreed. (Action LH/JK).

5.3 CCTV

It was proposed that CCTV cameras be installed at both ends of the road but no votes were received in favour of this suggestion.

5.4 Ownership of the road

It was discussed whether it was feasible for either the road to be maintained by Surrey County Council, or a limited company formed by householders to acquire ownership of the road, however neither of these proposals were adopted.

5.5 Land adjacent to Rowly Lodge

John advised the plot has been sold again and will try to identify the new owners through the land registry search, and contact them in order to establish their intentions for the plot. (Action JK)

5.6 Guildford Road Gullies

It was commented that the gullies at the Guildford Road junction were blocked and John will contact Surrey County Council to arrange for these to be cleaned out. (**Action JK**)

5.7 Guildford Road Bus Stop

It was suggested that the bus stop should have a digital schedule display, and John will enquire about this with Aviva/Surrey County Council. (Action JK)

5.8 Visibility of House names

Newsletter item to request householders ensure their house name is clearly visible to assist with deliveries along the road.

John thanked everyone who gave up their time to attend the AGM and the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Attendance Record

Acorns Patrick Normand & Carol Johnson

Aspen Freda Clarke
Aviary Moore Bernice Harris
Headley Jane Vile
Hopwood Cottage Pauline Collison
Hunters Lodge Jo & Peter Eva

Pembury Norman & Ruth Norton

Rhosilli Tom Cotton
Robertsley Tony Birtwell
The Shieling Rhoda & Eric Kirk