

Rowly Drive Residents' Association

Minutes of AGM

Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 8pm

At Cranleigh Nursery School

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

Apologies – Hunter's Lodge, Southcroft, Glenloch

The meeting was opened by John who welcomed all those present, especially new residents.

1. Adoption of 2016 Minutes

It was proposed by Mrs Holden, Durdle Dore, and seconded by Jim Jennings, Rowlybrook, that the minutes from the 2016 AGM be adopted as a true record.

2. Chair's Report

John welcomed all those present, especially those who were new to the Road.

He thanked the committee members for their hard work throughout the year and noted that he was sorry that Mike Harris had resigned a few weeks before the meeting.

He also, and with great regret, spoke of the unexpected and untimely death of Philip Koniotes a few weeks ago, who had been a valuable committee member and friend for 7 years. He worked hard on behalf of the residents and will be greatly missed. Condolences go to his wife Linda.

There had been a delay in getting the 2016 AGM minutes onto the website and John apologised for this.

After a long time planning and fund raising, resurfacing was completed at the end of August 16. The committee were pleased with the result and had received positive comments and appreciation from a small number of residents.

There had not been any planning applications of any significance during the year.

John reported that he had corresponded with solicitors in respect of the sale of 3 houses during the year, Novello, Littlebrook and Camellias, which had resulted in payment of subscription arrears totaling £475.

The committee had considered the idea of a defibrillator, as proposed by Tom Cotton, costing in the region of £1,000 - £1,500, to be financed from RDRA funds. John explained that the committee's main criterion in reaching a decision was, as always, to consider how the majority of residents would want their money spent. In this case, whilst not a bad idea per se, the committee were not convinced the majority would want this, as money had been collected specifically for repairs and resurfacing, justified as such and approved at each AGM for that purpose. As such, it was felt that it would be disingenuous, and almost dishonest, to spend this sort of money on something for which it had not been collected. This, of course, would not prevent any resident pursuing the project themselves, should they so wish.

During the year, residents had been advised of the proposed closure of Cranleigh tip and how to make representations.

John reported that he had been in discussions recently with the RDA, in connection with the construction of their new facility and its impact on the road. Unfortunately, the RDA contractor had not followed agreed procedure and unloaded large vehicles on Rowly Drive, causing damage to the new surface and a fracture to the water main outside Field Gate Cottage. Discussions are ongoing in relation to reinstatement and it was particularly good news that Rachel Harwood had agreed to join the committee, due to her location opposite to the site and her valuable skill set.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer distributed copies and summarised the main points as shown on her report for the year ending 31 May 2017. Sue particularly drew attention to the significant expenditure on resurfacing. John Webster commented that the work was an extremely good job. Tom Cotton agreed, especially as the quotes received some years ago were around 3 times the amount just paid, and hoped residents appreciated the effort. Sue and John thanked them and confirmed that a small number of residents had expressed their appreciation.

It was proposed by Tom Cotton, Rhosilli that the report be adopted and this was seconded by John Webster, Lane End.

4. Re-election of existing committee members

It was proposed by Lesley Thomas, Broadmead and seconded by Jan Sherriff, Crastor that the existing committee be re-elected and Rachel Harwood be confirmed.

5. Appointment of additional committee members

John asked if anyone would like to join the committee as Secretary. After some discussion, John Webster volunteered and was duly elected as Secretary.

6. AOB

6.1 Committee

John Webster asked what the committee would be doing now that the resurfacing had been completed. Tom Cotton stated that the objectives of the Association were set out in the Constitution and felt that more contact should be made with residents and a subscription of just £5 would maintain residents' interest. Lesley Thomas said the committee should knock on the doors of non payers and John pointed out the committee had spent many hours doing just that, sometimes resulting in abuse and doors being slammed. He also confirmed the committee hand delivers hard copies of all communication to residents without e-mail and personally welcomes new comers. Martha Golden, Rowly Barn, suggested there was no need to create work for the committee, after all the hard work they had done recently. The committee's view, from years of doorstep discussions, was that the majority of residents just wanted the committee to ensure the road was maintained in good condition.

6.2 Defibrillator

Tom Cotton raised this matter again and, although he did not want to join the committee, agreed to be co-opted to pursue this issue only. Proposed by Lesley Thomas, seconded by Sally Webster.

6.3 Salt Bin

Mrs Holden, Durdle Dore, suggested a rock salt bin for the winter but Tom Cotton thought the road is gritted by the Council.

6.4 Website

Some residents felt the cost of maintaining the website through Simon Isherwood was a little excessive and John Webster agreed to look into lower cost alternatives.

6.5 Road plan

It was suggested by John Webster that a plan of house names could be erected, possibly at the end of Rowly Edge, to assist delivery drivers. It was felt there might be issues around visibility and land ownership but the committee agreed to consider this.

6.6 Subscriptions

It was proposed by Jim Jennings, Rowlybrook, and seconded by Rachel Harwood, that no further subscriptions be collected from those who paid £250 towards resurfacing, for the next 2 years. After a brief discussion, this was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm and John thanked all those who had attended.

Attendance Record

Sally and John Webster	Lane End
Sandra Standela and Jim Jennings	Rowlybrook
Mrs Holden	Durdle Dore
Tom Cotton	Rhosilli
Lesley Thomas-Page	Broadmead
Dick Lane	Shooters Rest
Joan Dyas	High Spen
Martha Golden	Rowly Barn

Jan Sherriff

Rachel Harwood

Crastor

Field Gate Cottage