

Rowly Drive Residents' Association

Minutes of AGM

Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 8pm

At Cranleigh Nursery School

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

Apologies – Southcroft, Woodlands, Hunter's Lodge, Camelias, High Spen, Pembury

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

1. Adoption of 2017 Minutes

It was proposed by Sarah Morgan, Rowly Farm, and seconded by Catherine Vandersteen, Westerings, that the minutes from the 2017 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 noted that he was sorry that John Webster, who joined the committee at last year's AGM, had resigned in November due to pressure of work.

He thanked the committee members for their hard work throughout the year and, in particular, in dealing with the resurfacing of the section of road damaged by the RDA contractor, Armfield, during building works. He also expressed his thanks for the help and tenacity from the RDA chair, Liz

Harrison, in agreeing the resurfacing work and Dick Lane for raising and compacting the new entrance to the RDA field to be level with the road.

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

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer distributed copies and summarised the main points as shown on her report for the year ending 31 May 2018, noting that no subscriptions had been collected, as agreed last year. It was proposed by Sarah Morgan, Rowly Farm, that the report be adopted and this was seconded by Catherine Vandersteen, Westerings, and Jan Lane, Shooters Rest.

4. Re-election of existing committee members

It was proposed by Sarah Morgan, Rowly Farm, and seconded by Jan Sherriff, Craster that the existing committee be re-elected.

5. AOB

5.1 Additional Road Signs

The owners of Woodlands and Camellias had both asked that the issue of additional 20mph road signs be discussed. Natalia of Novello also put forward the idea of rumble strips, pinch points and painted lines in the road. John reminded everyone that the road is in private ownership and that there is the question of liability in the event of an accident or damage. Measures such as rumble strips had been voted against in the past and it was noted that they are expensive, dangerous if slippery and noisy. As for pinch points, it must be remembered that the road is a public footpath that cannot be obstructed and restricting the width of the road would cause a problem for lorries. It was suggested by Paul Tims of Littlebrook and Paul Taylor of St Hilda's that a few more road signs would be the most viable option. There was some discussion around the idea of painted strips on

the road and it was felt that these issues should be put to the vote of all members in the road. A questionnaire should be distributed to all members for their views on additional 20mph signs and painting on the road of 2 red lines with slow/20 at the entrance and repeated painting of 20 along the road, with the location of signs and painted strips to be agreed. Sally Webster of Lane End pointed out that we would need the permission of the owners of the road before we could paint on it, and it was agreed that John would contact them in the first instance. With regard to signs, it was agreed that these could go on frontages, although there are planning and liability considerations when erecting signage. It was proposed by Bernice of Aviary Moor that an e-mail could go to members to remind them and their visitors of the voluntary 20mph speed limit and this was seconded by Jan Sheriff of Craster with a majority of 12 residents voting in favour.

5.2 Water Leak

It was noted that there is permanent water leak outside Cobwebs and Nutshell which could damage the road if it freezes. The owner of Cobwebs has been in touch with Thames Water and they say it is a spring but it is still there despite a lack of rain! It was suggested that the water should be tested for chlorine. Bernice of Aviary Moor will have a word with the owner about this.

5.3 Salt Bin

Mrs Holden, Durdle Dore, suggested a rock salt bin for the winter but it was agreed that this was not safe for animals or the environment (Catherine Vandersteen, Westerings), and could lead to issues of liability in the event of an accident (Paul Tims, Littlebrook). It was agreed not to do it.

5.4 Surface Water Drainage

Paul Tims of Littlebrook raised that issue of water from Pilgrims Rest flowing across the road onto his property and previous discussions with the owner and his son have not lead to any action being taken. John confirmed that historically each house is responsible for their own drains but as this does affect the road, he agreed to have another word with the owner's son.

5.5 Dog Mess

Sarah Morgan of Rowly Farm raised the issue of 'poo bags' that are left alongside the verges of her property which, even if only for the duration of a dog walk, is unacceptable. As Rowly Drive is a private road, we cannot have the council install bins and, in any event, no one would want one outside their property. It was agreed to add a mention of the issue in the e-mail to members about speeding.

5.6 Defibrillator

Sally Webster of Lane End wanted to know what had happened with regard to the idea of a defibrillator as discussed at the last AGM. John explained that the committee agreed that existing funds collected for the repair of the road could not be used for this purpose but that Tom Cotton of Rhosilli had been co-opted onto the committee to take the idea forward. He attended a meeting last October and action points are currently with him.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm and John thanked all those who had attended.

Attendance Record

Paul Tims	Littlebrook
Jim Jennings	Rowlybrook
Deborah Palmer	Littlefields
Sarah Morgan	Rowly Farm
Sue and Paul Taylor	St Hilda's
Hazel Holden	Durdle Dore
Julia McDonald	Rose Cottage
Sally Webster	Lane End
Catherine Vandersteen	Westerings
Denise Lloyd	Greenways
Jan Lane	Shooters Rest
Jan Sherriff	Crastor
Bernice	Aviary Moor
Tim Vallance-Webb	Rolwy Lodge
Natalia	Novello