

Minutes of RDRA Committee Meeting
Thursday 24th April 2008
Holmbush at 8 p.m.

Present: John Kearsley (Chair), Roger King (Treasurer), David Palmer, Mike Golden, Louise Harbutt (Secretary)

1. Apologies for Absence

Roy Collison

2. Ad Hoc Agenda Items

2.1 Matters raised by residents

Parking by Rowly Lodge – open action point for RC

Approach by developers – a resident had notified the committee that several households had been approached by a developer looking to buy several neighbouring properties, and although the committee were interested to hear of the approach, it was not felt any action could be taken.

Plot adjacent to Rowly Lodge – a member asked whether the committee knew of any intentions for the land, as the appearance of the plot is untidy. However nothing has been brought to the attention of the committee and no further action would be taken.

2.2 Road signs

It has proved cost-prohibitive to replace the existing Rowly Drive name sign, but the speed limit signs would come in on budget. It was proposed by Roger and seconded by Mike that these signs are ordered so that they can be erected before the AGM. It was suggested that any future surveys conducted for improvements/additions to the road include the likely cost of implementation.

Action - LH

3. Standing Agenda Items

3.1 Road Repairs

The committee were disappointed that the last pothole repairs did not have the tar banding as requested, and it was agreed to obtain new quotes for the next set of repairs. Mike asked if by the committee raising money for the repairs it inferred on us a duty of care or liability. John will contact Graham Oliver to ask if he is still acting for the Sewell family, and whether the RDRA are named on the insurance policy. It was agreed to recommend that the budget be increased for road repairs, and to carry out further repairs before the next AGM as comments have been received from members that the road surface is still in a poor state. It was agreed some of the committee members would again survey the road, and also note the state of the verges which may be the responsibility of the householder to repair.

Action – JK

3.2 Drainage

The repair of the large pothole between Nutley and Chanak is still pending a date from Thames Water, and Roger has replied to an email received by the committee in this regard.

With regard to the flooding around Littlebrook, Mike advised that Mrs Reeve has retained ownership of Rowan Cottage and the field, but it is not clear who has filled in the ditch.

3.3 Newsletter

Nothing to report.

3.4 Budgets

It was agreed to collect any remaining outstanding subscriptions within the next week as the current financial year closes on May 31st, and that subscriptions should be collected by the relevant committee members.

Action – All

3.5 Website

Louise reported that the document archive on the website is not operational, and also the link to email the committee does not appear to be working. It was agreed the website needed to be up and running properly by the AGM and John will follow this up with Simon Isherwood. The correct name for the website is now rowlydrive.co.uk.

Action – JK

3.6 Constituencies

Nothing to report.

3.7 Planning Applications

Louise and Mike are still to deliver the planning applications for Brambles, and it was noted the website address needs to be changed to the new url on the planning application notice template. David advised that Brambles are planning to change the garage into a home office, and it was felt there was no need for the committee to object.

4. Any Other Business

Date for the AGM – David will check dates in July with Mrs Broadhurst.

Action - DP