## THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE RUTHERWYKE ROOM $12^{\mathrm{TH}}$ MARCH 2018

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Councillors' Reports:** Cllr. Few detailed SCC's actions regarding the Highways during the recent cold weather and added that SCC require an additional £5 million to fix the worst stretches of road within the County. Potholes marked with a red cross mean that the council have identified them. He advised that there has been an increase of 8.5% in students attending Secondary education. Rates invoices had been despatched with a 2.99% general increase and an additional 3% for Social Care. This will raise £21 million income towards adult and social care but costs are due to rise by £28 million resulting in another shortfall. There are 1100 children with learning difficulties in Surrey. There are an additional 100 'Looked After' children in foster homes due to abuse or neglect in Surrey. Surrey has one of the highest levels of any County-taking children into care. There will also be an increase in population of Old Age residents and Children of around 6.5% in the coming 12 months.

A number of other challenges facing SCC were discussed.

The Local Councillors' reports were distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr. Gillham reported on her meetings regarding the Heathrow expansion plans. A consultation paper is due out next year. Cllr. Gillham advised that the flight paths are up for review.

Details of a number of meetings attended by the Councillors during the course of the past month were discussed with the Committee.

**Association Officers Reports:** Reports were received from The Chairman, The Secretary and The Treasurer. These were distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Data Protection was discussed.

**Planning Applications:** BH had visited all the properties applying for planning approval.

**Local Plan:** Cllr. Gillham advised that the Local Plan would be ready for submission by 31<sup>st</sup> March. NR reported that CJ had emailed her on-going concerns with regard to the level of development receiving approval in the functional flood plan.

**Update on War Memorial:** Efforts to raise funding is on going.

**CEMEX Consultation Event:** Cllrs. Gill and Gillham will attend the morning reception. NR and PH will attend at 2pm on behalf of TWRA.

**Forthcoming AGM:** Issues in relation to the AGM were discussed.