



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2021

Open Forum: A resident advised the Treasurer by email about youths around the Mead Lake Ditch throwing in rubbish Cllr MH will investigate. Another resident complained about trees being cut down in Green Lane, this is an unadopted road and SCC have little power. New entrance fences and gates had been installed at the Thorpe end but under the Highways Act 1980 cannot be locked shut.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the January meeting were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr LG report was circulated before the meeting and approved. Several other issues were brought up by committee members at this time – Cycleway along the A320, indecent exposure down Green Lane, Catalytic converter theft from The Gower, stolen van left in Midway Avenue.

Cllr MH confirmed that the mass testing for the South African virus in Egham & Thorpe did not cover every house as this was never the intention, they were hoping for a 30% response but in fact it was much higher. She also reported that the Community Impact Assessment recently shows that Thorpe Ward is almost in as an area of special needs due in part to furloughing caused by the pandemic. There was continued discussion about why not all roads were covered in the mass testing and these were answered by all three councillors.

Cllr EG attended the Holocaust Memorial Day at St Mary's and a Full Council meeting with her in the position of Mayor.

Cllr MF his report was also received before the meeting and was distributed to the committee. The question of flooding on the A320 between Thorpe Park and the Twynersh Roundabout was brought up and Cllr MF agreed to raise it with Surrey Highways, at the same time flooding in the village road suspected to be because of blocked drains, he would also bring to the attention of the Surrey Highways.

Association Officers Reports: These were sent to the committee before the meeting, the Vice Chair added comment about the level of the Thorpe Park lakes which were 3 foot higher than they should be and it turns out the Weir Boards were in situ, this has now been rectified but will take several weeks for the levels to drop.

Town Planning and Allied Matters: The current up to date list of planning application for Thorpe ward were circulated to the committee before the meeting and where thought it was required letters of objection were submitted to RBC. The letter sent to Cllr Myles Willingale about the cumulative effect of permitted and minor development in the Ward and the impact this has on flooding was circulated to all committee members. The committee was also advised of a video meeting that several of the committee had with our MP, Head of Planning for RBC and Chairman of the Planning Committee, regarding this cumulative building problem in respect of flooding in Flood Zone 3B, various suggestion was made but we will have to see if any are taken up.



Matters Arising: The Treasurer was advised of two people who had expressed a wish to join the Association, so information and application was sent to them. We are still trying to get a Secretary like many other voluntary organisation at this stage. It was hoped that the membership survey would soon be ready for the website.

Any other Business: Cllr EG mentioned that her Mayoral Charity is going to be about "Trees" and she has obtained some 3000 oak saplings. These are available to any organisation if they are required.

Cllr LG stated that the TWRA committee needs to formally adopt Cllr MH as their preferred councillor for the next election, this was unanimously voted through.

The councillors were all thanked for their help in Penton Park and the facilitation of portable loos for use by the residents.