

Rowly Drive Residents' Association

Minutes of AGM Thursday 14th July 2011 at 8pm Held in Cranleigh Nursery School

Committee Members Present: John Kearsley (Chair), Sue Barrow (Treasurer), Louise Harbutt (Secretary), Mike Golden, Philip Koniotes

Apologies received from Rachel Harwood, Louise Jones, Freda Clarke and Muriel Young.

Association Members Present: As per attached Attendance Sheet, 13 households were represented at the meeting.

John opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

1. Adoption of 2010 Minutes

John gave a summary of the 2010 AGM Minutes with an update on a few of the points:

- The questionnaire asking whether residents would agree to resurfacing the road in large sections had not been carried out due to the late payment of many subscriptions this year.
- Work is finally being undertaken to improve the plot next to Rowly Lodge
- The Guildford gullies had been cleared, although a comment was made that these were now full again
- There is no budget available to install a digital timetable at the bus stop.

It was proposed by Norman Norton of Pembury and seconded by Tony Birtwell of Robertsley that the minutes be adopted.

2. Chair's Report

John advised last year 50m² of potholes had been repaired and this year 10m² have been marked up for repair but the quote received of £1400 is a lot higher than expected. Tony Williams offered to obtain an alternative quote which would be at cost, and the money saved could then be used for resurfacing. It was suggested a hard edge kerbing could be included, but John commented the Crouch Waterfall consultant did not feel this was necessary. Mike noted that the section of the road leading up to the RDA which was repaired last year has stood up well to the harsh winter conditions. A member offered to obtain cheaper quotes through trade contacts and will forward these to the Chairman.

During the past financial year, the committee have objected to one planning application which was for a much larger dwelling at Wedgeways and the application was turned down. The last 2 years have been particularly difficult for collecting subscriptions, with the committee members having to put in a lot of time and effort, almost as 'debt collectors'. It was proposed that the committee's list of subscriptions be published so that all members can see who has not contributed to the road fund.

Some members commented that the 20mph speed limit signs are ineffectual, with suggestions of leaving the potholes to deter speeding, installing speed bumps or pinch points once more being discussed. Objections were received that either of the latter would detract from the rural aspect of the drive.

3. Treasurer's Report

Sue reported that at the end of the financial year, money received was almost £1000 down on last year, but quite a number of outstanding subscriptions had been collected since. As agreed at the last AGM, a deposit account is being opened to comply with the constitution, although the interest rates are very low. It was agreed the Committee will look into various option of best investing the money. **Action JK**

To ease the burden of collecting subscriptions, it was suggested that residents could pay by direct debit or standing order, either by instalments or as a one-off annual payment and the committee agreed this was a good idea. The option to pay by these methods will be noted on the next reminders for subscriptions. With regard to the proposal to provide residents with the list of payers and non-payers, it was also agreed to include this intention on the next reminder, so that any resident wishing to pay has the opportunity to do so beforehand and this was agreed by the majority. **Action – Committee**

It was proposed by the Committee that the subscription for the 2011/2012 budget is maintained at £45 and this was unanimously agreed.

4. Re-election of committee members and officers

John proposed that Philip Koniotes who had been co-opted onto the committee in recent months be formally elected and this was seconded by Tony Birtwell. Mike Golden is standing down from the committee, and John thanked him on behalf of the residents and committee members for all the time and effort he has put into committee work. John invited anyone who was interested in joining the committee to come forward but if there are no volunteers, a new member will be co-opted until the next AGM.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Non-residents parking

It has been noted that people using the drive to walk their dogs are leaving the vehicles alongside people's frontages and it was suggested a No Through Road/Private Road be attached to the Rowly Drive sign. The meeting voted 17 in favour and 5 against so the proposal was carried. Tony will let John have the name of a company who can produce these at cost. **Action -JK**

5.2 Dog fouling of frontages

The issue of dog-fouling was once again raised and it was agreed to include another reminder in the next newsletter for dog owners to clean up should they allow their dogs to foul the front verges. Jane Vile and Tony Birtwell kindly volunteered to assist in delivering of the newsletter if required. **Action – Committee**

5.3 Website

It was commented that £80 a year to host the website is expensive and John will follow this up with the webmaster. **Action – JK**

5.4 Planning Applications

The new owners of Wedgeways advised they have changed the house name to Rowlybrook and enquired about carrying out alterations to the property. John advised the committee do not advise on planning applications, just notify residents as these occur, and that the committee are unable to advise on the legality of any plans, which should be referred to a solicitor. It was also commented that any work should not restrict the flow of the culvert.

There were no further issues and John thanked everyone who gave up their time to attend the AGM called the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Attendance Record

Hunters Lodge
Littlebrook
Jenni Plastow
Alan Page
Craster
Rowlybrook
Rhosilli
Pembury
Headley
Woodlands
Barn End
Aviary Moor Annexe
No 8 Rowly Edge

Jo & Peter Eva
Peter Breakwell
Meadowside
Broadmead
Jan Sherriff
Jim Jennings
Tom Cotton
Norman Norton
Jane Vile
Mr and Mrs Goff
Tony and Jax Williams
Bernice Harris
Linda Koniotes