

LOWER SUNBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Riverside Arts Centre, Thames Street, Sunbury, on Wednesday 25th June, 2014 at 8.00 pm.

Present

(i) Committee members: Paul Watts (President & Acting Chairman), Colleen Cuthbert (Secretary), Elleke Carling, Tessa Cook, Iain Findlay, Peter Francis, John Hirsh, Neil Huntingford, George Rushbrook, Paul Thompson.

(ii) Cllrs. Ian Beardsmore, Alf Friday, Ian Harvey, (SBC) Tim Evans (SCC) Alan Palmer (EBC)

(iii) Other members: 35 approximately.

Apologies for Absence Ziz Coltart, Shirley Agar, Oliver Parr, Cllr Daxa Patel

Minutes of AGM held on 12th June, 2013 - Approved.

Chairman's Report

PW listed the Police College site, EA site, Hazelwood, London Irish in The Avenue and Watersplash Farm gravel extraction on which LOSRA had worked with action groups to get the best deal and which had concluded in the last year. The hydropower scheme had been refused by EBC and had not been resubmitted. Ongoing projects include Charlton Lane, The Ridings and Fire Service changes where it was necessary to choose between two unacceptable options. PW referred to the article in the Autumn newsletter regarding a housing development on greenbelt land at Kempton Park. SBC had objected strongly and called a meeting with LOSRA, but did not refute it when given the chance. Alan Doyle, then Chair of LOSRA, resigned for personal reasons, despite having the backing of the committee. AD now runs Keep Kempton Green, an independent group. PW became Acting Chairman. LOSRA publicised the flood volunteers, cattle grazing and the Health Centre problems. PT has set up a Patient Participation Group. GR is investigating pollution at Sunbury Cross. JH is promoting a cycle/footbridge over the Thames and arranging a feasibility study. PW said planning laws were, sadly, ignoring what people want.

Treasurer's Report - Accounts for year ending 31st December, 2013

The accounts, showing a surplus for the year of £1,017 were approved. ZC is standing down as Treasurer.

Revised Constitution

PW said it had been deemed necessary to make minor changes, to clarify the wording and bring it up to date. Approved unanimously.

Election of Officers and Committee

Paul Thompson was proposed as **Chairman**. Agreed. It was proposed **Paul Watts** be re-elected as **President**, **Colleen Cuthbert** as **Secretary**, **Elleke Carling**, **Peter Francis**, **Neil Huntingford** & **George Rushbrook**, as committee members. Then **John Hirsh** as **Vice Chairman**, **Iain Findlay** as **Treasurer**, **Simon Scott** as **Communications Officer**, **Shirley Agar** and **Oliver Parr** as committee members – all agreed. **Tony Crabb** wished to stand for committee. Approved. **Dominic de Lord of Crick Heitman** was reappointed **Independent Reporting Accountant**.

Presentation by David Murphy of the Environment Agency on the River Thames Scheme

DM, Programme Executive for the EA, who had already spoken at the flood forums on 5th and 6th June, spoke of the devastation caused by the flooding 2013/14 and the EA's plans to reduce the risk for the future.

Open Forum

The following matters were raised: TE said he and DP were involved with Sunbury Health Centre reforms. Also SCC was providing some funding for the bridge study. TE reiterated his dispute over the content and accuracy of the Autumn 2013 newsletter and assured the meeting there are no plans for development on Kempton Park. AF confirmed this. Speeding in Green Street, by Avenue Parade and in Fordbridge Road is causing concern. The cycle track from Green Street to Grange Farm, incorporating a speed table and toucan crossing, is part of the Hazelwood S.106 agreement. Residents object to the defacement of Hawke Park and the narrowing of Croysdale. Residents were not informed until 2 days ago. Work started weeks ago. No-one at SBC, SCC or Highways appears aware of the details of the scheme. TE will look at it tomorrow. In response to TE, PW defended the accuracy of the article and said the first meeting of Cratus/the Jockey Club and RAs, to discuss Kempton Park development is being held on 26th June. IB said the traffic sensors around Lower Sunbury have been put in by Mouchel, transport consultants to the Jockey Club.

Any Other Business A match between London Irish & Bristol will be held at Hazelwood on 30th August.

Close Meeting - The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.