

LOWER SUNBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Riverside Arts Centre, Thames Street, Sunbury, on Wednesday 20th June, 2018 at 8.00 pm.

Present

- (i) Committee members: Paul Watts (President), Paul Thompson (Chairman), Colleen Cuthbert (Secretary), Iain Findlay (Treasurer), John Hirsh (Vice Chairman), Shirley Agar, Neil Huntingford, Mark McCartney.
- (ii) Cllrs. Alfred Friday, Ian Harvey, Sandra Dunn, Tim Evans
- (iii) Other members: 75 approximately.

Apologies for Absence Peter Francis, George Rushbrook, Gill Finlay

Minutes of AGM held on 21st June 2017 - Approved.

Chairman's Report

PT mentioned the 3 newsletters delivered annually to over 4,000 households, weekly ebulletins and Sunbury Facebook comments, issued to keep residents up to date on local issues. Committee members and newsletter distributors are all volunteers. There are 3 committee vacancies. Anyone interested should contact PT. LOSRA has no political or religious affiliation, but may work with councillors to fulfil its aims. Committee meetings are open to observers on request and different councillors attend each meeting. PT commented on LOSRA's ongoing concerns. Kempton Park is strong Green Belt, but is not necessarily secure. LOSRA & KKG are consulting a QC about green belt defence. LOSRA has cash reserves, but residents should be prepared for an appeal. The Charlton Lane waste gasifier may be commissioned at the end of 2018. Air quality continues to be monitored at Sunbury Cross. Results can be seen at Air Watch website. SHC has improved greatly. Thanks to LOSRA's Neil Huntingford, chair, and other members of the PPG. LOSRA has dealt with a range of other concerns. PT asked residents to contact LOSRA, when issues arise, for advice or action. PT thanked all committee members, Andy Morgan, who has stood down from the committee, Alan Doyle and the KKG team, and the residents and corporate sponsors who support LOSRA.

Treasurer's Report - Accounts for year ending 31st December, 2017

IF said the accounts, posted on the website, with paper copy available, showed a surplus for the year of £1,647. Total reserves are c£25,500. There are 47 life members. Thanks to Skinners, Twirltours, Shirley Agar, Membership Secretary and the 20 corporate sponsors for their support. The accounts were approved. **Dominic de Lord of Crick Heitman Ltd.** was reappointed **Independent Reporting Accountant.**

Election of Officers and Committee

Paul Thompson was proposed to be re-elected as **Chairman**. Agreed. It was proposed **Paul Watts** be re-elected as **President**, **Colleen Cuthbert** as **Secretary**, **John Hirsh** as **Vice Chairman**, **Iain Findlay** as **Treasurer**, **Shirley Agar**, **Peter Francis**, **Neil Huntingford**, **Alan Lacey**, **Mark McCartney**, **Oliver Parr & George Rushbrook**, as committee members – all agreed. Approved.

Presentation by Ann Biggs, Strategic Planning Manager, Spelthorne Borough Council on the Spelthorne Local Plan. AB, together with colleague Geoff Dawes explained the current Issues & Options Consultation, which closes on 25th June, and the reasons for it. Hard copies were available. Details are on the SBC website. The government requirement is 590 units. The definition of a unit was queried, but was unanswerable because of standardised methodology. SBC are around 2 years behind other authorities. No further contact has yet been made by developers about Kempton Park.

Open Forum /Any Other Business

Concerns of speeding and recent accidents were expressed and commented on by Cllrs Evans & Friday.

A Doyle of KKG requested all respond to the LP consultation, stressing Kempton Park is vulnerable. PW said he, personally, feels that SBC's views, supporting Heathrow expansion and Green Belt protection are incompatible. IH defended the views saying that SBC wished to maximise benefits for the area.

Brian Catt said he was a governor of St. Peters and he supported a 20 mph limit. BC said he could be contacted via LOSRA.

PW said he agreed with others that smaller housing units could be desirable in LS, but the housing market had been skewed by housing policy and everything was too dear

Close Meeting - The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.02 pm.