

THE ROYDS CONSERVATION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AGM

MINUTES OF MEETING: THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 2018

Attendees:

Wendy Clark
Ralph Ferne (Treasurer)
Rita Ferne
Aiden Galligan
Sue Galligan (Secretary)
Brenda Gerrard
Annette Harrington
Trevor Harrington
Martin Woodcock (Chairman)

Apologies:

Kim Webb
Cllr John Donne

Guests:

Police Community Support Officer - Cheryll Lavell
Police Community Support Officer - Graham Tippet
Teresa Travell – Chairman Potters Bar Society

- 1. Welcome to everyone and introduction of guests and committee members.**
- 2. PCSO Cheryll Lavell and Graham Tippet** – Safety within the community. Safety procedures – important to ensure that back gardens are secure and no tools or implements to help break in to properties. Vigilance is the key. Earlier in the year teams of burglars have been caught, however, there do appear to be a few more burglaries occurring. Many scams – including telephone scams and those occurring in supermarkets. If at all worried residents to call 101 (although this does cost 15p per minute). Marker pens and warning bells for purses were distributed to all.
- 3. Teresa Travell – Chairman of the Potters Bar Society:** Teresa spoke about the PB Society and their lines of communication with the council. Potholes in the roads are a concern and Cllr John Graham has been lending his support to the PB Society and the RCRA. Teresa informed everyone that Cllr Graham had managed to secure a day 's work from the Highways Agency to repair small holes in the roads. Concerns from residents also included bollards that are not lit, clearing litter, over hanging trees, trees that have been planted by the council but have not received enough water in the hot summer and have been left to perish – a complete waste of time, effort and money. Poorly managed contracts. Teresa advised that the PB Society had written to the Council with regard to this issue. Teresa to help with a member of the association who advised that she was finding it difficult to get the lamppost repaired outside of her house.

Teresa advised Cllr Graham had helped set up a committee in order to organise Christmas lights for Potters Bar. Residents of Potters Bar were not happy that Potters Bar had no Christmas lights last year. The Potters Bar society has donated money towards the fund for this. (Post

meeting note: Are the lights of Borehamwood paid out of council money or do their residents have to form committees in order to help pay for seasonal lights?)

4. Chairman's Report on the Last Year and On-Going Objectives:

Website: Martin advised that the web site is now up and running - www.roydsridents.co.uk. There will be an information page which holds pertinent numbers for residents.

Cllr John Graham's Report: Martin read out Cllr Graham's report.

Lampposts: This matter is on-going. Lampposts were meant to be painted out of 2017/18 budget however there is now no start date. 2021 budget?

Parking: Again, this matter is on-going.

Trees: As discussed previously and reported within Teresa's dialogue.

Footpaths: Again, this is an on-going subject. Martin asked for residents to write more letters to the council in the hope that this issue will be kept to the forefront of their minds and budgets!

3. Membership update: Total: 78.

4. Financial update: £744 in the association's bank account. Money has been spent on printing, the hire of halls and coffee morning totalling £276.85.

5. Committee Membership for 2018-2019: Vote taken by show of hands by members and committee members voted in.

9. Sunnybank School: It is proposed to build 30 houses (including social housing) on the land – previously occupied by Sunnybank School. The two comments raised at the meeting were that this is building on green belt land which would probably set the precedent for further building on green belt land. The other issue that was raised was the demolition of a school. Last year at the AGM Cllr Graham discussed the admissions at Primary Schools. Only 85% of local Potters Bar families get into the primary school of their choice which is very low (nationally, the figure is 96%). If Sunnybank is demolished and further properties are built will there not be a requirement for more schools not less?

10. Questions and Answers: A query was raised regarding The Local Plan and building on land at the back of Oakroyd Avenue. Currently the council have to respond back to the residents with their considerations. Currently there is concern in the government about building on green belt land. Herts mere could be waiting to see how other councils deal with this issue? Another member did raise the issue of the wildlife in the field particularly the skylarks.

11. Thanks to everyone including our guests. Refreshments offered to all.