

ROUSDON OWNERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016
Held at Peek Hall on Sunday 19th June 2016 at 1100 hrs (11 am)

Present: 40 members of the Association were present.

1 Welcome and Apologies:

Members were welcomed by Neale Moss (NM), Chairman.

Apologies for absence were received from Mary Hansell, Fran Chamberlain, Alan and Adrienne Russell, Paul and Linda Williams, Tony Cox, Mick Stride, Susan and Stuart Bosley.

2 Minutes of 2015 AGM:

The key points of the 2015 AGM were highlighted by NM which included the transfer of the management of the Estate, the beach clean up and the creation of the Tree Plan. The Minutes were approved by the meeting.

3. Officers' Reports:

(i) Chair's Report: NM identified this year's highlights as the installation of the Estate Defibrillator and Liaison with Allhallows. Judith Ellard, representing Allhallows (AH), now attended ROAR meetings to improve communications between ROAR and AH. As a result residents had attended meetings to hear from AH at first hand.

(ii) Treasurer's Report. SS Reported: Income included a smaller profit from the Rousdoner as a result of the cost of the Special Edition. A £1100 transfer from The 100 Club to support the Tree Plan, and hire of the Marquee. Residents were reminded that the marquee could be hired for £50. Expenditure included gifts to individuals for their support to the Estate, prizes for the Children's Photo Competition. All resulting in a loss of £310.67 for the year. Copies of the 100 Club Accounts were circulated and SS reminded residents that the funds shared the ROAR bank account in order to minimise bank charges although accounted separately.

(iii) Estate Matters & Maintenance: NV-S reported:

The lodge gates had been repaired, pointing of the bridlepath was underway, the beach path had been repaired, repairs to the filtration plant fencing would be undertaken over the next 6 months, and the Estate signs were to be updated. Repairs to the wrought iron fences along the driveway would be undertaken in house as new welding equipment had been acquired to minimise costs. The meeting raised a special vote of thanks to Barry for all his help during the course of the year.

(iv) Environmental report: GP reported:

A special vote of thanks was recorded for all the efforts of the volunteers who had participated in the survey work contributing towards the Tree Plan. A huge amount of work had been carried out including the laurel clearance on main drive and Lovers and Ladies Walks and the clearance of the roundels. Hedgerows were being planted to encourage the wildlife. The replacement young trees were funded by the 100 Club and private donations. Next year further laurel clearance to Lovers Walk was planned. An enormous amount of work had been undertaken since November 2014 and the meeting noted a special thanks to Mike Hughes and the team of volunteers.

This concluded Reports from the Officers.

4 Social Activities – Jan Jones:

The Meeting voted a special thanks to Anne Collier, Sylvia Stride and Sue Rowe for all their efforts on behalf of the Social Group which had expanded its numbers this year. Last Night's BBQ had been a huge success and thanks were noted to Keith and Amanda for the catering, AH for the use of the venue, Anne and Nick for the seating and Sylvia for the organisation. The Lunch Group started by Jane Healy was also growing and anyone interested in joining should contact Jane direct. Other activities during the year included: two skittle evenings at the Tucker's Arms in Dalwood; the Christmas meal at the FairwaterHead Hotel, to be repeated and the date this year

fixed for Sunday 11 December; the Carol/Christmas concert, thanks were noted to Per and Ulla Ytting for the venue; three coffee mornings; and the Combpyne/Rousdon Amateur Players performance. Special thanks noted for the script by Roy Jones and to Sheila Bean for the inspiration behind the performance and also thanks to Mick for scenery production. The Group needed a Musical Director and anyone interested should contact Jan. Taylor Downing's talk on the Somme had been a memorable evening with 40 attending. The Wednesday Club continued with talks and visits and a new open door policy. The Charity Fair organised in remembrance of Grayson Newton had been very well supported as too had Mike Hansell's Quiz evening in support of Devon Air Ambulance Fund.

Roy Jones raised a special vote of thanks from the meeting to Christine Newton who was leaving the estate this morning for all her hard work on behalf of ROAR.

5. The Rousdoner: Taylor Downing reported. Taylor has been editor for six years. The Guest Editor idea had worked well and brought a new and fresh approach. Anyone interested in taking on the role of Editor/Deputy or being a guest editor would be very welcome and should contact Taylor. As always, a special thanks to all the regular contributors to The Rousdoner. The next edition would be available at the beginning of July. The meeting recorded its gratitude to Taylor as Editor.

6. Neighbourhood Watch: A Report from Mary Hansell. Another quiet year in terms of crime. Between June 2015 and April 2016 four crimes were reported in Combpyne and Rousdon. Only one of these occurred on the Estate: an allegation of vehicle crime in March in Farm Road. If you do see anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to report it to the police.

The Community SpeedWatch has been running for six years. Since June last year some 3,455 vehicles had been checked and 80 warning letters sent. All of these offenders were doing speeds in excess of 46mph and recordings in the 50's were not uncommon. As always, new members to the team were welcome. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Mary Hansell, Roy Jones, Graham Jones, Robert Astin, Josephine Cook or Linda Rose. Special thanks to Sylvia and Mick Stride for their support to the team.

7. Liaison with Allhallow: Judith Ellard Reported. Since the transfer of management of the Estate we had been fortunate in the enormous amount of help received from volunteers. AH were alert to the need to keep service charges down. AH recognised the need to think ahead to the future about how this level of work could be sustained given the Estate's demographics. More outsourcing would inevitably increase costs. AH had purchased a welder and generator so that repairs to the Estate fencing could be undertaken in-house. A 5 year tenancy agreement with the Colliers had just been renewed which provided a breathing space to 2021. The maintenance plan for the Estate was budgeted for a year ahead. A major upcoming expense was the road surfacing to the main drive and all possible excess funds were being directed to the reserve fund to help meet some of this cost but it will mean an extra charge. Mike Hughes had prepared a map showing the Estate walks and this was available in the hall. The combination locks on the gates had been changed because they were old and for good housekeeping. Residents were reminded not to leave the locks on the code when using the gates. Larger Dog Poo Bins were being installed and the Estate maps were being updated. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the Allhallows Board for all their work on behalf of the Estate during the year.

8. Any Other Business.

(i) New Committee Members. NM reminded the meeting that the Committee had a vacancy and anyone interested should approach the Committee.

(ii) Estate Defibrillator. NM reported that this was now located behind the bridlepath wall opposite Peek House and contained in a green shed purposely built by Warwick, Barry and Mike (Hansell). A special thank you to them for the construction and also to AH for permitting the defibrillator to be housed on this site and for organising connection to the mains electricity. The Defibrillator was accessible 24 hours a day in its unlocked cabinet and designed to be used without any prior training. Signage had been erected and an article would appear in the July Rousdoner. Mary Hansell had volunteered to be the key nominated person liaising with the

Ambulance Service on maintenance/checks. Anyone wishing to help Mary with this task should contact her direct. The meeting agreed to expenditure (c£100) to insure the equipment donated by the BHF and worth in the region of £2500. NM asked JC to liaise with AH to discuss a donation to the BHF. Awareness sessions on the use of the defibrillator and CPR were planned using the equipment provided by the BHF – a trial session would be organised in the first instance. Ten sets of equipment were available for loan to residents. Anyone interested should contact Mary. Finally, the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to all involved for a superb team effort.

(iii) Beach Clean Up. NM reminded the meeting that the annual beach clean up would take place during July. Bags would be placed in three locations for the rubbish. NM asked JC to liaise with Mary Hansell to arrange for the Harbourmaster to attend. (Actioned).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at noon.