

ROAR OWNERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ROAR)

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Monday 15 January 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Neale Moss (Chair), Sylvia Stride (SS), Josephine Cook (JC) Secretary, Anne Fleming (AF), Nicholas Vaigncourt-Strallen (NV-S), Jill Tollafield (JT), Tony Cox (TC), Roy Jones (RJ). Judith Ellard and Mary Hansell representing AllHallows (AH). Other Residents attending Open Forum: Anne Broome, Eddie Browne, Laura O'Rourke, Denis and Louise O'Connor, Barbara Cox, Andrew and Karen Walters, Taylor Downing, Brian Rowe.

Welcome and Apologies: The Chair welcomed those present and apologies were noted from Glynis Preshaw. A special thank you to Judith Ellard was noted for hosting the meeting at short notice.

Items for Discussion not on the Agenda: there were no additional items.

Open Forum. Item 1 – Temporary Car Parking. The Chair briefly set out the background: ROAR had responded to concerns that in peak periods parking in the Home Farm complex was a problem. The issue had been passed to AH to consider possible solutions. This exercise had identified only one piece of available land that might be brought into use if required and some preliminary measuring had been undertaken. AH confirmed that a planning application had not been made. JC summarised the comments received from Residents who could not attend the meeting.

The key question was whether additional spaces were necessary. An extensive debate confirmed that inconsiderate parking by visitors, inappropriate use of the existing car park for HFN/HFS, holiday makers not adhering to the terms of their holiday contract and poor garaging provision for the Morrish homes all created a problem. The general view was that temporary spaces for around 4 more cars was needed. In addressing the issues raised, some preventative measures were agreed: to erect a sign in the car park highlighting permitted use, NM would approach the holiday company to discuss the issue and identify a way to enforce holidaymakers contracts.

The second issue was where to site the temporary spaces. A number of residents were against the suggested site near the gas tanks opposite the church because of the intrusion into resident's privacy, concerns over security/safety and spoiling a "green site". The opposing view was that this was likely to be the only workable viable site. One resident has however offered a potential site on their land which would require further investigation and was not itself without problems. The meeting was however very grateful for the offer and AH agreed to investigate this possibility further.

Item 2 – ROAR Communications. Two residents observed that the current ROAR practice for communicating Agenda items/Minutes on the ROAR Notice Board and in The Rousdoner did not provide sufficient advance warning of items for discussion or decisions reached by the Committee. A request was tabled for Agendas and Minutes to be circulated by email to all residents of the Estate but this would impose additional demands on the time provided voluntarily by the Secretary. The debate widened to suggest that ROAR have a web-site. Eddie Browne (EB) volunteered to create a ROAR website and also to take on responsibility

for the email circulation of all ROAR Agendas and Minutes. The meeting agreed and thanked EB for his offer. AF also mentioned how difficult it had been to encourage residents to participate in the Committee when vacancies had arisen and reminded the group that the AGM provided an opportunity for those interested to put forward nominations for election.

Item 3 – Buses Blocking Main Gate. SS reported that there had been more instances of the buses blocking access and causing traffic holdups but in recent weeks this seemed to have improved. It was suggested a watching brief be kept.

Item 4 – Rubbish Bins at Stable Courtyard. Laura O'Rourke (LO'R) reported that the bins were being used by non-residents of the Courtyard and adjoining properties despite signage. Holiday-makers and residents had been seen dumping mattresses, chairs, building material and recyclables. The situation was deteriorating under the new EDCC recycling rules which meant that the number of bins had been reduced. It was agreed that an Article would appear in the April issue of the Rousdoner with photographs.

4 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the meeting on 2 October 2017 were agreed.

5- Matters arising from the Minutes. None not already covered by the Agenda.

6- Correspondence to the Secretary. Covered by the Open Forum.

7-Estate Matters – NV-S. Building work on the Water Towers was expected to finish in a couple of months after which the road to Main Drive would be repaired by the owners. AH also proposed to renovate the remainder of the road to East Lodge once this had all been completed. Repairs to the Bridlepath wall were back in play. The damaged pillar at the front entrance had also been repaired and AH were looking to replace the missing topping stone.

8 ROAR Finances. SS reported : ROAR current a/c balance of £302.48, saving a/c of £5352.97 including the 100 Club. A balance of £1274.07 for the 100 Club and Petty Cash of £14.91. Expenditure included: £551.83 on the Tree Fund, Xmas gifts £120. Thank yous to ROAR from the Colliers and Taylor Downing were tabled. A profit of £46 to date had been made on the Christmas meal. ROAR noted its thanks to AH for reimbursing the insurance costs for the Estate Defibrillator.

9 Social activities. JT noted that the costs for this year's barbecue were likely to rise because there was no in-house caterers. A request was made to ROAR to subsidise the barbecue in the event that the ticket prices could not cover costs. The Committee agreed that a subsidy of up to £250 could be provided particularly as this would underpin the children's ticket price.

10- Environment. TC noted that tidying up of the woods continued and clearing of the laurel clumps. AH reported that some concerns were still being expressed over the felling of dangerous trees but reminded ROAR that this was undertaken with professional advice and permissions. AH also noted that the filtration plant had been overhauled leading to a more

efficient system and further advice received on how to better maintain the system. ROAR noted its thanks to Mary Hansell for all her efforts on the Estate's behalf.

11-12- Any Other Business. JC reminded the Committee about the need to approve an Agenda for the ROAR AGM at the next ROAR meeting which would be convened at the beginning of May (tbc). A date in early June would be identified for the AGM.

There being no more items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 9.15pm.

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