

ROAR OWNERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ROAR)
Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Monday 23rd April 2018 at 6.00pm.

Present: Neale Moss (Chair), Sylvia Stride (SS), Josephine Cook (JC) Secretary, Anne Fleming (AF), Nicholas Vaigncourt-Strallen (NV-S), Glynis Preshaw (GP), Jill Tollafield (JT), Tony Cox (TC), Roy Jones (RJ). Residents attending Open Forum: Eddie Browne, Laura O'Rourke.

Welcome and Apologies: The Chair welcomed those present. Apologies were noted from Judith Ellard.

Items for Discussion not on the Agenda: Playing in Stable-Courtyard, Data Protection.

Open Forum. Item 1 – Temporary Car Parking. The Chair summarised previous discussions. No feasible solution had been found. However, inappropriate use of the existing car park for HMN/2OHF remained a concern. Holiday makers were not adhering to the terms of their holiday contract and in some cases Holiday Companies referred to the use of "overflow car parking". Residents were not inclined to take radical action such as gates, penalties etc. The meeting concluded it was important to follow through with a meeting with holiday companies perhaps when more evidence had been collected. In the meantime it was agreed that AH should be approached about signage to the car park eg "parking reserved for 1-7 Home Farm North"; and owners be reminded about their parking allocation. The latter could also be included in the ROAR Welcome Pack. The issue would also be raised at the June AGM. (Action: JC)

Item 2 – ROAR Website. The Committee thanked Eddie Browne for his work setting up the ROAR Website. This was working well although some issues remained with email circulation.

Item 3 – Buses Blocking Main Gate. SS reported that buses were again blocking the main entrance. Eddie Browne had previously written to the bus company and undertook to repeat the exercise. (Action:EB)

Item 4 – Playing in Stable Courtyard. Laura O'Rourke (LO'R) reported concerns over ball playing in the Courtyard and the potential harm to Grade 2 buildings as well as the possible safety issues particularly in the area of the fountain. A request was made for ROAR to approach AH for signage to be erected advising this was "Not A Play Area". A piece could also be included in the Rousdoner. (Action:JC)

Item 5 – Data Protection. JC reported that new EU Legislation coming into effect at the end of May was likely to apply to the information ROAR held about residents and used to circulate information on ROAR activities eg ROAR Meetings, 100 Club, Social Activities and ROAR Website. This would require residents to "opt-in" to the data being held (eg Email addresses, tele nos, addresses) and the purpose for holding this data, and a requirement to hold data securely. JC would research the requirements, provide an update and circulate a note before the end of May. A short paragraph would also be included in the Rousdoner to provide advanced notice to Residents.

4 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the meeting on January 15 2018 were agreed. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the Secretary for the timing and accuracy of the Minutes.

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

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

7- Estate Matters – NV-S. Repairs to the bridlepath wall were ongoing. The gravel area to East Drive would be redone next month. The wrought iron fence on the north side near the Water Towers was also being repaired. It had been decided that work to repair the drains would be undertaken at the same time as the repair work to the roads both for convenience and for efficiency.

8 ROAR Finances. SS provided the end of year accounts showing the balances as at 31st January. Current Account £225.08; Bonus Saver £5353.22; Cash in Hand £10.91; 100 Club C/A £327.00. There is a balance on the 100 Club which was the amount of the draw in March. Thereby all 100 Club monies for the past years is now in the Bonus Saver account and the 100 Club current account starts

from nil from 1 April. The Accounts would be tabled at the June AGM as usual. A vote of thanks for SS's finance work during the year was recorded.

9 Social activities. JT reported that 20 had attended the February coffee morning. The ramble organised by SS was attended by 8 residents but the last event had been cancelled due to the weather. The Dalwood skittles event had returned a profit. The ladies lunch club would meet in Sidmouth on May 9th. Tickets were still available for this year's Barbeque on July 8th.

10- Environment. GP reported that the laurel in the tree belts along main drive was under control but not eradicated. The area would be monitored with a view to further planting in due course. A new plan was in hand for disposing of the laurel stacks but this was delayed by nesting birds. Plans for new hedging would be developed and communicated in due course. There was a suggestion that some of the protection around the hedgerow planting could be removed. A meeting with the Forestry Commission is planned to discuss the direction planting should take for the next 5 years and possibly beyond. Recent personnel and admin changes at EDCC suggested that future planning applications may not be as straightforward as previously and new requirements may be put in place.

11-June AGM. JC outlined the plans for this year's AGM scheduled for Sunday June 3rd. An invitation seeking expressions of interest from residents wishing to join the ROAR Committee would be circulated shortly. The new Committee would be elected at the AGM. It was agreed that it would be helpful to invite Mike Hughes to update ROAR on the Tree Plan and also Martin Healy to talk about his environmental/wildlife work on the Estate. (Action:GP/JC)

12- Any Other Business. AF reminded the meeting that The Rousdoner would be published later this week. RJ reminded the meeting about the Welcome Packs that he and Jan provide new residents. However, details of new arrivals were no longer received and he was concerned that some newcomers may be missing the packs. The meeting agreed the packs were a valuable tool for new residents. It was proposed that an approach be made to AH to ask if they would forward the packs to new residents; and also include the pack on the ROAR Website. (Action JC)

There being no more items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 7.45pm.

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