

Rousdon Owners and Residents Association (ROAR)
Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Roy Jones, Chair (RJ), Sylvia Stride (SS), Anne Fleming (AF), Eddie Browne (EB), Jill Tollafield (JT), Judith Ellard, AllHallows (JE), Josephine Cook, Secretary (JC).

1 Welcome and Apologies: The Chair welcomed those present. Apologies were received from John Broome, Glynis Preshaw and John Rose.

2 New items not already on the Agenda: The 100 Club Draw, Tree Update.

3 Open Forum: Liaison with Allhallows. Judith Ellard was in attendance and discussed a number of estate issues which you can read about on the new feature in this edition of The Rousdoner headed "Above the Beach..." Following the vandalism of the trees on Lovers Walk West, the Committee agreed to write to the Parish Council pressing for action by EDDC. (action:JC – done).

4 – Minutes of the meeting on 17 January 2019. These were agreed.

5 – Matters arising from the Minutes. (i) Replacement of the Estate Notice Board. JC had circulated indicative quotes for a replacement most of which were in the £1500 ball park depending on specifications. The Committee agreed this was very expensive. After some discussion it was suggested that perhaps some of the Estate Residents might consider taking on the project in return for a fee. (Action: JC to explore – done).

6 – Correspondence. None.

7 - Estate Matters – JB had reported that mud clearing was taking place down at the pump station where the track had become waterlogged. About 10 tonnes of mud had been removed. Natural England had prompted the action.

8 - ROAR Finances – SS reported on the healthy state of the ROAR finances and provided accounts to end January. A discussion ensued about how best to utilise the Reserve Fund and it was agreed that at the ROAR AGM residents would be invited to write to the Committee with any suggested projects for funding. (Action:JC). It was noted that at the previous ROAR meeting the tree plan would require c£1000 for this year's planting.

9 - Social Activities Report – SS informed the meeting that a charity Cream Tea, open to residents and non-residents, would take place at North Lodge on 4 May – details to follow. The social committee was concerned about the cost of the ROAR BBQ. Last year numbers were down, resulting in a loss. It was hoped that reverting to a Saturday (June 29th) would help numbers but the Committee was asked to consider covering the cost of the Band and any resulting loss. This would help to keep ticket prices down. The Committee agreed to this request. Upcoming events: Norman Lockyer Observatory visit on 17 September; Skittles Evening at the Tuckers Arms on 12 October; and Christmas Dinner at the Victoria Hotel Sidmouth on 8 December.

10 - Environment – covered in (3) above.

11 – ROAR AGM. The ROAR AGM would take place on Sunday, 30 June, at Peek Hall. The format would follow previous years with reports from Officers. Those Officers prepared to continue would stand for election together with any newcomers. RJ had kindly offered to stand for the Chair to replace Neale Moss who had stood down earlier this year. JC

reported that she would not be standing for re-election. New members would be needed to fill the vacancies and to seek a new Secretary. A notice would be placed on the ROAR website with the AGM Agenda and invitations circulated with the AGM papers to all Residents. A notice would also be included in the next ROUSDONER. JC would circulate the AGM papers no later than end May. (JC/EB to action). It was also agreed that the Environmental reports included in last year's AGM had been very informative and perhaps more deserving of a stand alone evening presentation, perhaps on an annual basis. It was agreed to explore this with Mike Hughes and Martin Healy. (Action: JC - done)

12 Any Other Business – (i) The ROAR 100 Club Draw took place. Winners were Anne Collier, Dave & Mick Heneghan, Paul and Lynda Williams. **(ii) Welcome Packs for new Residents.** This was raised by JE who noted that the practice had discontinued primarily because of lack of notice on the arrival of new residents to the estate. It was agreed that efforts should be made to try and find a solution which would enable designated individuals on behalf of ROAR and AH to “greet” new arrivals. **(iii) Stable Courtyard Recycling bins.** EB reported that the bins continued to be lost at an alarming rate. These were replaced by the Local Authority but the frequency of replacing the bins may become problematic. It was noted that The Gardens had a similar problem until the bins were marked but no other solution was identified.

13 Date of Next Meeting. ROAR AGM on 30 June.

Josephine Cook
ROAR Secretary