

ROUSDON OWNERS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Committee on Wednesday 29 July 2020.

DRAFT MINUTES

Committee members present: Glynis Preshaw (acting chair), John Broome, Jeremy Powell-Tuck, Sylvia Stride, Freda Tate, Jill Tollafield. In attendance: Judith Ellard, Mike Hansell. Apologies from: Anne Fleming, Neil Wilkins.

1. *Open Forum*

Mike reported on the marshalling that has been in progress on the estate since 5 July. About 405 people have been turned away either from the estate's main gate or from the beach path. This does not include a considerable number of vehicles and pedestrians that have been deterred from entering through the main gate by the presence there of notice boards. The success of this venture is due to the commitment of the 38 residents who have contributed over 395 hours of their time in three weeks to ensure the private status of the estate is maintained. The committee expressed its gratitude to all those who have participated in marshalling.

We discussed the effects of marshalling on our relations with our neighbours in Combyne and Rousdon. Glynis read out some notes on this subject that she had received from John Rose. Mike told us that many of our neighbours have shown support for our actions, especially when they are told of the scale of the problem and the numbers that have been turned away.

Jeremy reported that a sign painted by Mick Stride, saying 'Please take all your rubbish home', was erected at the bottom of the beach path. It was removed by vandals within a week and cannot now be found.

Judith reported that signs discouraging trespassers have been erected at all access points to the estate.

Jeremy mentioned that drones had recently been flown by holidaymakers on the estate. The committee expressed its concern.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020 were approved.

3. *Matters arising from the minutes*

Minute 2 (a no-litter sign) and Minute 3 (our relations with neighbours) had already been discussed in the Open Forum.

4. *Acting chair's report*

(i) *Membership of the committee*

Roy Jones, the previous chair, resigned from the committee on 3 June 2020. Glynis became acting chair in his place.

John Rose resigned from the committee on 15 July 2020.

(ii) *AGM*

The committee concluded that it would not be possible to hold an AGM this year. John will inform the members of this decision.

(iii) *Chair's urgent decisions*

By a majority of four to two, the committee ratified the message sent by the acting chair to all members on 3 June 2020.

(iv) Amendments to the constitution

The exigencies of covid mean that the constitution cannot be strictly complied with. The committee agreed to continue to comply as well as possible, and propose the necessary minor amendments to the next AGM. Sylvia mentioned that the mention of ROAR's financial year will also need to be amended at that time.

5. ROAR website

John will continue to maintain it.

6. Estate welcome pack

We shall create a new welcome pack, and arrange for it to be given to newcomers on the estate.

7. Reports

(i) Estate matters

These were all discussed in the Open Forum.

(ii) Finances

Sylvia reported these balances in our accounts on 29 July 2020:

Bonus saver account, £6225.67

Current account, £622.15

100 Club (113 members) £2373.00.

Sylvia presented ROAR's accounts for the fourteen months ending 31 March. Glynis drew attention with pleasure to the large amount, £2378.47, that we were able to spend on trees for the estate.

There was a draw for 100 Club prize at the end of March with the results: 1st, Mike and Lynn Hughes; 2nd, Sid and Jane Gibson; 3rd Josephine Cook. There was another draw at the end of June with the results: 1st, Josephine Cook; 2nd, Ian Harries; 3rd, Anne Goudsmit.

(iii) Social activities

We held a skittles evening at Dalwood on 7 March. 26 people attended and there was a profit of £15. Jill reported that the only future social activity presently planned is Christmas Dinner at the Victoria, Sidmouth, on Sunday 13 December. Sadly, this too might have to be cancelled.

(iv) Environment

Anne sent a written report.

Work is continuing on Lovers' Walk north of the badger sett. About 150 metres have been cleared of laurel, and sapling trees from elsewhere in the estate were planted in their place. Unfortunately the spring drought killed about half of these trees, despite copious watering. The remaining laurel has been sprayed with herbicide and will be cleared and replaced with native trees in the autumn.

Openreach are removing redundant copper cables along the Bridleway, and poles are being removed. Some will be made into gateposts on the estate. One will be a raptor perch.

Everyone on the estate is asked to pick up any litter they find.

The committee expressed its thanks to all those who have contributed to the work on trees and to other environmental work on the estate.

8. *Any other business*

There was none.

9. *Date of next meeting*

All being well, John will organize a meeting in November.