



EMMER GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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EMMER GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Minutes of Meeting 29th February 2016 at 8 Stuart Close, Emmer Green.

1. Present. Annette Fairweather (Chair), Michael Denoon – Slater, Linda Glithro, Bill Harper, Veronica Leeke, Liz Lyke, Margaret Ormonde,

Apologies. Barry Prior

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Association Committee held on 11th January 2016 were agreed.

3. Committee Membership and Roles

3.1 Margaret Ormonde and Barry Prior have said they wish to step down from the Committee after the AGM, although both are willing to continue in support roles.

3.2 Michael Denoon-Slater – having re-joined the Committee – is willing to be nominated as Vice-Chairman at the AGM. This was welcomed by the Committee.

3.3 Doffi Parkinson has volunteered to take on the role of Membership Secretary. The Committee agreed to purchase for EGRA the Access Software she will require in the job at a cost of up to £110.

3.4 Support is available from the Reading Neighbourhood Network – including for the setting up of a Facebook page.

4. Annual Meeting Arrangements

4.1 Wednesday 6th April. Committee helpers to arrive from 6.45. Doors open at 7.30. Meeting to start at 8.00.

4.2 Liz (or Michael) will organise name badges to be provided for Committee members.

4.3 Liz will collect glasses and refreshments. Linda will return the glasses.

4.4 Annette is arranging the production of the printed material. Distribution by hard copy or email is being arranged.

4.5 Margaret will update the display boards.

4.6 Linda will investigate whether the Council has any display material about Trooper Potts.

5. Emmer Green Photo Library When time permits Margaret and Clive hope to further develop the pictures available on the web site. There could be a further approach to members, and it may be something to be featured at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

6. Membership There are 10 email contacts and 12 non-email contacts still to renew. Annette is chasing.

7. BBC Outing An encouraging response has just been received from the BBC. They are willing to receive up to 30 (named) visitors. They will be asked to offer Saturday dates in May, July or August.

Liz was thanked for the effort she had devoted to making this happen.

8. Wild Flowers Veronica had still not received any responses from the Council – Councillors or Officers. Caversham Globe has been contacted and we are waiting to hear whether the RBC Parks Dept. will give permission for creating wild flower meadows in Caversham and Emmer Green

9. Notice Board

9.1 The grant application has been submitted.

9.2 Liz has been successful in securing £50 in donations from shopkeepers, and hopes there might be more to come. Letters of thanks will be sent and acknowledgements will appear in the Newsletter and on the board itself.

10. Reading BC Consultation on the Local Plan

10.1 Veronica had prepared a response following a workshop held on 16th February concerned with housing sites – primarily north of the river. This will be finalised taking into account any further comments from members.

10.2 We will join with CADRA in making a submission on Local Green Space, with only one comment made on the draft.

11. Planning Applications

11.1 An objection is being made to a development at the end of Kiln Road in view of the threat to the adjacent footpath.

11.2 An objection will be made to a propose development in Autumn Close on the grounds that a bungalow with easy access for the elderly or disabled will be lost.

12. Financial Report Bill reported on transactions since the last meeting, and that the current balance in hand was just over £2,000. A minimum balance of around £500 would be desirable, but there need not be a sum formally fixed.

13. Meeting Liaisons

13.1 The next NAG meeting will be on 3rd March. Comments will be made on reported drug use near Unity Court and on shooting close to the Foxhole Lane footpath (Clayfield Copse).

13.2 Margaret had circulated notes on the latest Patients Group and Caversham Globe meetings.

13.3 The next EVA inspection will be on 6th April at the Ridings. Anyone may attend.

14. Queen's Birthday Celebrations As part of the 90th Birthday celebrations local communities were being encouraged to organise clean up sessions. It was agreed that there were no obvious sites in Emmer Green needing attention, but that it would be good to encourage members (by email circulation) to clean street signs near them.

15. Emmer Green Sign The sign is in poor condition, but good information on the right preservation method is still needed.

16. RBC Old Persons Working Group A consultation is in progress about whether cycling should be permitted in the town centre pedestrianised areas. This was likely to spill over into the more general issue of cycling on pavements. There is still time to make comments.

17. Future of Local Libraries The second phase of a consultation exercise is under way. In view of its importance this should be drawn to the attention of EGRA members.

18. Next Meeting

Monday 16th May, 7pm at 37 Kidmore End Road, RG4 8SN