

# LOWER SUNBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Riverside Arts Centre, Thames Street, Sunbury, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016 at 8.00 pm.

## Present

(i) Committee members: Paul Watts (President), Paul Thompson (Chairman), Colleen Cuthbert (Secretary), Iain Findlay (Treasurer), John Hirsh (Vice Chairman), Shirley Agar, Peter Francis, Neil Huntingford, Mark McCartney, George Rushbrook.

(ii) Cllrs. Alfred Friday, Ian Harvey, Ian Beardsmore, Sandra Dunn, Bernie Spoor(SBC) Tim Evans (SCC)

(iii) Other members: 60 approximately.

**Apologies for Absence** Neale Brickwood, Oliver Parr, Pam Ibrahima

**Minutes of AGM held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 - Approved.**

## Chairman's Report

PT spoke of the 3 annual newsletters, weekly ebulletins and Sunbury Facebook page, keeping residents informed of local issues and LOSRA's aims and achievements. PT stressed LOSRA has no political or religious affiliation. Committee meetings are open to observers and over the last year, different councillors have attended each month. PT commented on the ongoing matters that LOSRA is working on – Kempton Park, particularly the review of the Local Plan. LOSRA's request to be included in the DMP consultation has been rejected; Charlton Lane gasifier is due for completion in 2017, but only when it is commissioned will it be known if it works as intended; Air Quality – highlighting the need to monitor pollution, particularly at Sunbury Cross and for SBC to have an air quality action plan; Sunbury Health Centre – setting up the PPG (looking for a new member to make it more representative). There was a strong, positive response to the feasibility study for a foot/cycle bridge, but funding seems remote. Individual members have also worked on the dangers of shared foot/cycle paths, Walton sports hub and various planning issues. PT asked that residents contact LOSRA, when issues arise, for advice or action. PT thanked all committee members, Michelle Gillham & Tony Crabb, who have left the committee, Alan Doyle of KKG and the corporate sponsors.

## Treasurer's Report - Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015

IF ran through the accounts, which showed income of c£4,000 and costs of c£1,200 giving a surplus for the year of c£2,800. IF thanked Shirley Agar, the Membership Secretary, Skinners & Twirltours for assisting with subscription collection. The accounts were approved. **Dominic de Lord of Crick Heitman** was reappointed **Independent Reporting Accountant**.

## Election of Officers and Committee

**Paul Thompson** was proposed to be re-elected as **Chairman**. Agreed. It was proposed **Paul Watts** be re-elected as **President**, **Colleen Cuthbert** as **Secretary**, **John Hirsh** as **Vice Chairman**, **Iain Findlay** as **Treasurer**, **Shirley Agar**, **Neale Brickwood**, **Peter Francis**, **Neil Huntingford**, **Mark McCartney**, **Oliver Parr & George Rushbrook**, as committee members – all agreed. New candidates **Pam Ibrahima**, **Alan Lacey & Andy Morgan** wished to stand for committee. Approved.

## Presentation on Sunbury Health Centre by Dr. David Gill and Richard Fryer

Giving history, current situation and future plans, together with the problems of the NHS.

**Cllr. Ian Harvey, Leader of the Council** spoke about the open letter he sent to Redrow regarding Kempton Park. IH said he would do all in his personal power to stop any development. However, he cannot make any guarantees as a decision by SBC could be legally challenged. All councillors are united on the matter. PT confirmed erosion of Green Belt must be stopped.

## Open Forum /Any Other Business

Various comments were made regarding the consultation to extend Zone 6 and Oyster cards to Sunbury & Ashford. (Full details on LOSRA website)

It was confirmed that the car dealership Staines Road East/French Street had been there many years, but was now more visible.

PT thanked Mayor Alf Friday for attending. AF invited all to his civic service at St.Mary's on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

PF said queues at the Eco Park increasing. Cllr SD said opening hours would increase in July. PF said work was behind schedule. Piling will continue for another month.

The need to dredge the stream by Rivermead Island, again, was raised. NH will mention to the EA.

PT asked that anyone offering to distribute newsletters, contact CC

PT said volunteers for Sunbury Neighbours are always required.

**Close Meeting** - The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10 pm.