

# LOWER SUNBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Riverside Arts Centre, Thames Street, Sunbury, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 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, Alan Lacey, Mark McCartney, Andy Morgan, George Rushbrook.

(ii) Cllrs. Alfred Friday, Ian Harvey, Sandra Dunn

(iii) Other members: 60 approximately.

**Apologies for Absence** Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Oliver Parr, Neale Brickwood, Cllr. Tim Evans

**Minutes of AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 - Approved.**

## Chairman's Report

PT established there were many first-time attendees and then spoke of the 3 annual newsletters delivered to c.4,000 households, weekly ebulletins and Sunbury Facebook page, keeping residents informed of local issues. Committee members and newsletter distributors are all volunteers and anyone wishing to help should contact CC. LOSRA's aim is to optimise and enhance the life of residents and has no political or religious affiliation. Committee meetings are open to observers and different councillors attend each meeting. PT thanked Cllr Alfred Friday for his very successful mayoral year. PT commented on LOSRA's ongoing matters – particularly, the review of the Local Plan, which is behind schedule, and the development threat to Kempton Park of 3,500 dwellings, and other Green Belt sites. LOSRA, with KKG, has briefed a Planning QC on all possible sites. To minimise costs, as much work as possible will be carried out by LOSRA, but extra funds will be needed. Other matters are the Charlton Lane gasifier, which is late being completed. PF is on the technical committee; Air Quality – with the help of KK a monitor has been installed at Sunbury Cross; Sunbury Health Centre – improvements are underway thanks to the PPG (looking for new members to make it more ethnically/youth representative). LOSRA secured funding for a feasibility study for a foot/cycle bridge, but funding to build remains remote. Also, a variety of other concerns, mostly on planning issues, have been dealt with. PT asked residents to contact LOSRA when issues arise, for advice or action. PT thanked Neale Brickwood, who is standing down from the committee, George Rushbrook, who is now 90 and is still an active committee member, Alan Doyle and KKG and the residents and corporate sponsors who support LOSRA.

## Treasurer's Report - Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016

IF said the accounts showed a surplus for the year of c£2,000, bringing total reserves to c£23,000. Of 4,000 households in LS, there are 387 paying members. IF thanked Shirley Agar, Membership Secretary and the 15 corporate sponsors for their support. 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**, **Peter Francis**, **Neil Huntingford**, **Alan Lacey**, **Mark McCartney**, **Andy Morgan**, **Oliver Parr & George Rushbrook**, as committee members – all agreed. Approved.

**Update on River Thames Scheme by Justine Glynn of the Environment Agency** who gave the history, current situation and future plans of the River Thames Scheme from Datchet to Teddington Lock. Further funding of c£230m is required. Emma Booth, a river water expert, answered questions.

**Presentation by Colin Squire** of the history and background of garden centres.

## Open Forum /Any Other Business

LOSRA's objection to flats instead of houses at the old LI site was queried and explained.

Concerns of increased traffic and speeding were expressed. PT said non-motorway roads are the responsibility of Surrey County Council and Cllr Tim Evans should be contacted.

A resident complained that SBC backs a third runway at Heathrow, without a consultation with residents. Cllr IH said it was to support jobs and the economic benefits it would bring to Spelthorne.

PT said the Mayor's River Day was on 24<sup>th</sup> June

PT said volunteers for Sunbury Neighbours are always required.

**Close Meeting** - The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.