

# LOWER SUNBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Riverside Arts Centre, Thames Street, Sunbury on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at 8.00 pm.

## Present

(i) Committee members: Chairman John Hirsh, Paul Watts (President), Ziz Coltart (Treasurer), Colleen Cuthbert (Secretary), David Banks, Pamela Cabannes-Barrall, Tessa Cook, Peter Francis, Jenny Grant, George Rushbrook.

(ii) Cllrs. Sandra Dunn, Alf Friday, Ian Harvey, Bernie Spoor, Suzy Webb. Jackie Taylor from Streetscene, SBC

(iii) Other members: 40 approximately.

**Apologies for Absence** E. Carling, D. Cunningham, M. Thomas, C. Wills, M. Wallsgrove, R. Berry, G. Ceasar, Cllr. T Evans, David Hicks of SBC. PW had today received a message from SBC saying that DH was ill and no deputy was available. PW said SBC was not committed to the implementation of the cattle grazing scheme prior to consultation and would organise public consultations, probably in Autumn 2013, at the Embroidery Gallery. Also, SBC are willing to attend a public meeting with LOSRA. PW urged everyone to sign up for LOSRA ebulletins to ensure they receive the latest news. JH said a dedicated list would be kept of those particularly interested, who should advise ZC of their email addresses.

**Minutes of AGM held on 13th June, 2012 - Approved.**

## Chairman's Report

JH expressed gratitude to PF who has represented LOSRA for the last 3 years at the Eco Park meetings. A public meeting on this is being held tomorrow and all are urged to attend. JH stressed that LOSRA is not against development but believes local residents should have a say on those matters that affect our neighbourhood. With the support of PC DAG, including Alan Doyle and CAROD, Jenny Grant, the densities of the police college site and the EA riverside site were reduced from 54 to 27 and 87 to 37 respectively. At the London Irish ground, the Planning Inspector ruled that the site did not deserve protected open space status. Crest Nicholson has bought the site and intends to make '1 or 2 adjustments' to the original plan. The conversion of Hazelwood is underway. Nothing further has been heard of the hydropower proposals. Gravel extraction at Watersplash Farm is an outstanding matter.

JH said - After 8 years, I am standing down as Chairman and thank all those who have supported me over the years; in particular CC, ZC and PW our longest serving member. Thanks also to CW, JG & MW on preserving riverside interests, DB our garden party organiser and our network of newsletter distributors.

## Treasurer's Report - Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2012

We continue to have free use of SAGE accounting system which produces a clear accounting trail. Last year's garden party added £2,000 to our funds. We had 529 members at the end of the year, including 23 Life Members. The accounts were accepted unanimously. JH thanked Dominic de Lord of Crick Heitman, Chartered Certified Accountants, for carrying out the audit without charge and proposed that LOSRA formally appoints **Crick Heitman as Independent Reporting Accountant** for a further year, on a similar basis, agreed.

## Election of Officers and Committee

PW reiterated that JH was standing down as chairman and said for the first time in LOSRA's history, the next chairman would not be from the existing committee. **Alan Doyle**, of PC DAG, was proposed as **Chairman**. This was agreed. DB, PC and DC were not standing for re-election, so there are vacancies on the committee. It was proposed **Paul Watts** be re-elected as **President**. Agreed. Then **Colleen Cuthbert** as **Secretary**, **Ziz Coltart** as **Treasurer**, **Elleke Carling**, **Tessa Cook**, **Peter Francis**, **Jenny Grant**, **John Hirsh**, **George Rushbrook**, **Matt Thomas**, **Muriel Wallsgrove**, **Chris Wills** and **David Woods** as committee members – all agreed.

PW made a presentation to JH, on behalf of the committee members, in recognition of his outstanding work as Chairman. AD took the chair.

## Presentation on Cattle Grazing in Sunbury Park by Officers of Spelthorne Council

Cancelled. See above.

**Open Forum** - The following points/questions were among those raised: - LOSRA's views on proposed cattle grazing. How LOSRA decides what to support. Eco Park public meeting. Thames Corner construction works. Reduction of green waste facility at Charlton Lane. Foot/cycle bridge over the Thames at Sunbury. (Straw poll – most in favour, 2 against). SBC Councillors respect LOSRA and use the website to gauge residents' opinions. (Cllr. Webb) Parking issues in Sunbury, particularly Benwell Estate, Station Approach and The Avenue. Car parks are less than half full since the introduction of charges. Localism bill.

## Any Other Business

A reminder of the Eco Park public meeting and the LOSRA garden party on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**Close Meeting** - The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.