

RAMSHILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2018 7PM

1. WELCOME by John Lees (JL) Chair

- Residents (upwards of 38 attendees)
- Councillor Russell Oppenheimer- Hampshire County Council (HCC)
- Councillor Chris Wilton- Petersfield Town Council (PTC)
- Councillor James Deane- PTC- not ward Councillor (also adjacent resident)
- Jo Murphy- Bond and Adoptions Manager- West London Office, Taylor Wimpey (TW).

INTRODUCTIONS

- RRA Committee- Maurice Snell (IT Specialist), Andy Moffat (Trees and Green Spaces Adviser), Lesley Gibb (Grants Advisor), Louise Jones (Treasurer), Catriona Dawes (Secretary and Local Authority Adviser)
- Apologies- Jane Scott

Thanks to Churchers College for giving us room for free.

2. MINUTES OF 2017 AGM

Minutes agreed.

3. RAMSHILL LEGACY ISSUES

Adoption of Ramshill:

Cllr Oppenheimer- Thanks to RRA Committee especially JL. Progress made recently:

- Southern Water has issued its Vesting Certificate.
- Street names have been corrected.
- Snagging list created in April 2018 and works carried out by TW.
- Chris Hill left in summer 2018 and Nigel Phillips has progressed matters.
- To progress the adoption HCC Arboricultural Team are doing the required tree works to highway trees and vegetation.
- Visual plays encroachment issues sorted in a practical way between HCC and TW.
- Jo Murphy recruited from HCC to TW- a positive move.

Outstanding issue- street lights- test certificates needed (SSE).

Hope for adoption in early 2019.

Cllr Wilton- Thanks to John Lees. 4 outstanding issues when Cllr Wilton wanted to be elected to PTC posts- 3 Ramshill legacy issues and Woodshill Playground.

Adoption of Public Open Space (POS) - PTC are working hard. Have signed agreement with TW to take on POS. Only legal condition is TW need to give formal notice to Greenbelt that no longer responsible for the POS. If Greenbelt formally agrees, PTC takes over.
Jo Murphy and David Rowland (TW) need to chase this.

Skinnners Farm Lane (SFL)- is complicated. Recent email from David Rowland (TW) (07/11/18) *'We are in the process of commercially appraising a solution that we hope meets the objectives of all concerned. Time permitting; we hope to get an opportunity to present this to East Hants DC and Petersfield Town Council before the Christmas break. If not, we will certainly get this scheduled for early in the New Year. 'Cllr Wilton said he would do everything to apply pressure but progress made in last few months''*.

Cllr James Deane- is a resident of Hoggarth Close. Residents accused of holding up SFL but are talking to TW and waiting for TW to arrange appointment. Same delays happening at Larcombe Road (new estate).

Grounds Committee- PTC has cut the grass etc on Ramshill for some time. Have topped some birch on Dickens Lane. Thanks to JL for his work.

Lesley Gibbs (LG) - ongoing issue with trees. – to email Cllr Wilton re trees.

Resident of Charlton Drive- similar issue- to email Cllr Wilton.

JL- explained how he met David Rowland (TW) by chance on the estate and had a good discussion. He has responded to JL's concerns. There has been some progress.

Jo Murphy (JM) - TW is moving on with adoptions- Ramshill is top of the list and highlighted up to MD level at TW.

JL- asked about JM's role at TW.

JM- JM explained that her role is to get sites to adoption level and drive through adoptions. For Ramshill, HCC are getting the PFI company (SSE) to inspect and, if OK, to accept the lighting. Defects in drainage found today after an inspection and TW are to repair.

JL- constant delays – one thing after the other.

4. LEGACY ISSUES- Open forum

Maurice Snell (MS) - Why has it taken so long to get the estate adopted?

JM- Due to private sewer with private riparian rights. No owner found so in end Southern Water agreed to let it go and the S.102 drainage adoption only took place last January. Acknowledgement that TW should have tackled street lights some time ago.

Resident- Lived on estate since it was built. No joined up planning. Need a checklist of things to be signed off.

JM- Agreed. Has now drawn up a Process Chart for Ramshill and this is the subject of a bi-weekly meeting with her boss. JM is willing to let the RRA see it- **Action- JL/CD to chase this.**

Resident- Why has SFL taken this long?

JM- lots of reasons.

JL- Asked the meeting if everyone was aware of the history? (some residents weren't aware) and JL explained that there was a breach of condition notice served in 2013 which expired in 2015 but EHDC have said it is not worth taking action as negotiations ongoing

JM- progress made and new scheme coming forward.

Catriona Dawes (CD) - Do EHDC know about the new scheme as they do not seem aware?

JM- New scheme does not touch the existing east walls. West walls are fine.

JL- The estate was designed around the path being part of a cycle way but the path will no longer be a cycle way.

JM- Confirmed the path will not be a cycle way but will enable use by pushchairs and wheelchairs.

MS- There has been such a waste of time. What is the excuse? Why are we still waiting?

LG- The estate has been neglected. TW have just left it. There is 1 rule for Hoggarth Close residents and 1 rule for Ramshill Estate residents when it comes to trees and management of green spaces.

JM- lack of greenspace management was contractor's (Greenbelt's) fault.

LG- TW just left the estate.

Cllr Deane- suggested compiling a list of jobs that need doing with the greenspaces and a walk round.

JL- Greenbelt did nothing.

Resident- can't see all the tree problems from the highway.

Cllr Wilton – residents can email PTC about the works needing doing.

CD- Is play area included in the assessment of the grounds? Will it need a ROSPA inspection?

Cllr Deane- ROSPA inspection will be carried out.

MS- How long will SFL take to construct?

JM- Not sure but can ask her colleague the question.

MS- We need to know the end date. **Action- JL/CD to follow this up.**

Resident - Who will be responsible for the end maintenance of SFL?

Cllr Deane- PTC

Resident - HCC not involved anymore?

JM- Only in an advisory capacity and drainage problem was designed out.

Cllr Oppenheimer- Progress made with SFL and JM has helped. A scheme is promised by the end of the year and everyone has done their best.

Resident - Not everyone has done their best.

Cllr Oppenheimer- People are doing their best.

Cllr Deane- decisions (not legal agreements) made by PTC to take over the greenspaces and maintenance of the footpath could be reversed as there are elections in May. Some urgency required. - **Action- JL/CD to chase this**

CD- TW can't take 4 months to consult residents on a new scheme this time.

JM- don't have to consult Hoggarth Close residents as the new scheme will not affect their walls.

Cllrs Oppenheimer, Wilton and Deane and Jo Murphy left at this point.

5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Louise Jones (JL) - Balance in 2017 £383.69

Balance in 2018 £483.69 (following JL's purchase of street signs)

6.& 7. FUTURE ROLE OF RRA AND GRANTS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS

LG- We need a project to get a grant. LG asked the meeting for ideas eg making litter picking a challenge for children.

JL- can email JL about projects.

Resident- will we get salt bins once the estate is adopted?

JL? – this will be HCC's responsibility. Discussion over poo bins, and litter bins. **Action- JL/CD/AM to follow up.**

JL- Could have event where roads are shut and children are allowed to play on them. Easter egg hunt?

8. TREES AND GREEN SPACES

AM- AM introduced himself and then gave the meeting some background as to his experience in trees. Explained that part of the attraction of the estate for him was the greenspaces including large trees and the fact there are 30 planted trees. This is a community resource which the PTC is taking on. Need to have a common agenda with the PTC and know what PTC's ambitions are. HCC will manage highway trees and dead and missing trees will be replaced. In the future there will be more opportunities for tree planting. There could be more seating, bin provision and dog poo and litter bins. When adoption completed should get bins and will need emptying (Verdi on behalf of EHDC). We will need to work with the authorities. Can email JL with ideas.

Resident- suggested Tree Preservation Orders on large oaks and ashes.

AM- Need to locate bins with consultation.

CD- replacement trees may be needed if TPO trees felled.

JL- Green lungs that are greenspaces are important. Could enhance them eg with daffodils at the entrance.

Resident- Are trees the responsibility of the PTC?

JL/AM- yes (except highway trees).

Resident - A short form of service level agreement is required for works to be done and agreed with residents.

JL- Nothing will be done until the PTC take over.

AM- Suggested a working group for trees etc.

9. LITTERING AND KEEP BRITAIN TIDY- MARCH 2019 SPRING CLEAN EVENT

JL- Litter picking next March. Residents will be prior warned and asked to volunteer.

10. RAMSHILL WEB PAGE AND FACEBOOK

MS- Facebook address is Ramshill Residents Association – 15 joiners- please join.

Website- ramshill.org.uk- maps, documents, RRA minutes etc, local services. Residents can suggest other content and use could be wider.

11. VANDALISM & 'NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH'

JL- explained how tyres had been punctured on the estate and residents had been significantly affected by this. The Police have said they are still looking for the vandals. He asked whether anyone had experience of Neighbourhood Watch. A resident, Nicola Deakin, said she had some experience and may be able to help.

12. RETIREMENT AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW RRA COMMITTEE 2018/2019

The current Committee Members retired and indicated that they are willing to stand again.

The following Committee members were elected:

Chair- John Lees (CD proposed, LJ seconded)

Treasurer –Louise Jones (JL proposed, Mark Coombe, 21 Barentin Way seconded)

Secretary- Catriona Dawes (LG proposed, AM seconded)

Local Authority Adviser- Catriona Dawes (Mark Coombe proposed, John Butt seconded)

Local Authority Grants- Lesley Gibb (JL proposed, CD seconded)

Trees and Green Spaces Adviser- Andy Moffat- (JL proposed, CD seconded)

IT Adviser -Maurice Snell (JL proposed, CD seconded).

13. RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

JL –appealed for new members.

14. AOB

CD thanked JL for his vast contribution to the RRA- the meeting showed its appreciation.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Catriona Dawes

Secretary