

HRA Minutes

Meeting	HRA Committee Meeting
Date	18 January 2024
Time	19.00
Venue	GLRFC
Attendees	<p>Grant Bowden – Chair DiBs Bucknell – Treasurer Ian Pickup – Hon Secretary Chris Royce – Safety and Welfare Jen Caple – Investments Matt Selwyn - Waterways and Open Spaces Jasmine Munford – Open Spaces Kate Subryan – Entertainment Wayne Subryan – Environment Mickey Thomas – Apologies, Tech support Steve Drew – Apologies, Active member – Permali working group Kiran Emery – Apologies, Internet/Portal Sue Steggles-Cole – Apologies, Investments</p>

1. **Minutes of previous meeting 11 December 2023**
 Grant proposed acceptance, Ian seconded. Kiran will publish them on the portal.
2. **Declaration:** No one is aware that they have any conflicts of interest over items due to be discussed in this meeting. Grant advised that whilst he had contributed to detailed objections to latest plans for Hillside farm on behalf of HRA, he had also made personal objections.
3. **Opening Remarks:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. His main themes for this year are Safety in the Community and maximise accessibility He wanted to thank everyone for their hard work last year: in particular Ian for getting the minutes of Decembers meeting out just a day before he set off on holiday and Wayne for rising from his Covid bed to get the parish magazine out in time for publication next month. Mention also to Rob Mills whose had had a family bereavement over the Christmas period, but despite this Rob continued to work on the Hillside Farm planning documents.
4. **AGM Planning:** At the previous meeting everyone had agreed to remain on the committee next year. And although ‘feelers’ had been put out; it was agreed the Executive committee would stay the same. For this to happen it would have to be a recommendation at the AGM as the strictly the Executive are elected by members at the AGM. **Grant proposed that the committee for 2024 should be as it was at the end of 2023, including all co-optees and this was seconded by Dibs. Chris Proposed that Grant should remain as Chair, seconded by Jen. Jen proposed Dibs remain as Treasurer, seconded Chris and Dibs proposed Ian remain as Secretary, seconded Grant.** At the AGM the secretary will advise

members that the committee recommend they keep the Executive roles - Chair, Treasurer and Hon Secretary as they were in 2023.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance stands at £407.04 following payment to Young Gloucester Carers. £100 is set aside for a social event. In the previous year a grant had been received from councillors and it was possible we could apply again. **Action** Dibs to write to Pam/ Rebecca to explore possibility of a grant for this year.
6. **SPOC Topics**
 - **Waterways and Open Spaces:** Matt had been chasing the CRT about safety measures on the towpath but with no traction so far. The towpath through Monks Meadow is very muddy and CRT have been asked if they could put gravel on it. In the meantime, Matt has reached out to Pam to see the council could provide the gravel and CRT might be able to provide the labour to install it. On the Permail issue, the sound barrier is complete, however some residents complain they are still disturbed by noise and uncalibrated sound meters on personal mobile phones are recoding high noise levels. They have been advised to keep records of dates and time and ensure they report all complaints to WRT and the council.
 - **Open Spaces:** Jasmine has been in touch with Bellway about several issues at Sandalwood Green. They have agreed that hedge cutting will be part of the landscape maintenance scope of works. Also agree the new open space (where their compound was) will be fully completed by March 2024. Regarding the hedges around the new Hawthorn Park development aka Hillside Farm, the work is currently being priced.
 - **Investments:** Dion at the PO is about to issue a letter advising that after 30 years in the job he is resigning. Thiva will take on the running of the PO, recognising how important it is both for the shop and the village. Mickey has produced a Google forms-based questionnaire to gauge satisfaction with the shop. Jasmine offered to help with distribution of paper copies. **Action:** Jasmine to publish HVNB post to include the questionnaire, closure date 12 Feb 2024.
 - **Environment:** Wayne advised his sole focus is to get the local forum with a minimum of 25 members set up.
 - **Rights of Way:** Ian advised no news.
 - **Highways:** Dibs has chased the issues raised at last year's AGM only to be met with a blank by Highways. He has escalated the matters to Pam.
 - **Entertainment:** Kate advised no news.
 - **Legislation and Planning:** Grant advised that all the documents pertaining to the detailed planning appreciation for Hillside Farm are on the planning portal and he and Rob have put in detailed comments - see below for report from Rob - labelled neutral. Rob will be providing an update article for the Parish Magazine. Regarding the Lion Court development at the old oil depot, Grant has a good relationship with the developers. Currently there is an issue with an Aviation fuel pipeline which cannot be built over or close to. This could mean some properties are not built.
 - **Portal/Internet:** Kiran will be the lead on this with support from Mickey. Currently no updates except the observation at committee

meeting reports for 2023 have 2 gaps. Ian will send pdfs for the missing docs.

- **Safety and Welfare:** Chris advised Neighbourhood watch leaflets had been issued to all Netheridge properties (before Christmas) but as yet no one has offered to co-ordinate a scheme there. On the new Bellway estate- Sandalwood Green, Jasmine has signed up as co-ordinator. Chris has also received guidance on the availability of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to help control speeding. His view is that we need to put together a working party to investigate the criteria and the implications concerning any application for any of the 'VAS' cameras. **Action Chris**
- **The date of AGM is confirmed:** 10 April 2024 at GLRFC, Meet at 18.00 for 18.30 start. The calling notice will ask members if they would like to join the committee but currently, we have the right numbers in place.

7. **Discussion:** Rob Mills Hillside farm – Hawthorn Park advised: The 21-day consultation period is over, but the Planning Officer Adam Smith has indicated that further comments would probably be taken into consideration.
- He plans a Site Visit on Monday 22nd, when I will not be around, but Luciana will.
 - There have been 14 neighbour (and other) comments against the application, and one neutral from the HRA. This application will go to a Planning Committee Meeting regardless of the number of comments.
 - Nearly every comment mentions the danger turning right at Hempsted Bridge traffic lights, and I've asked Pam Tracey if this junction has been subjected to a Safety Audit. Unfortunately, Access has already been agreed by the inquiry, but I'll chase it.
 - Otherwise there were a number of neighbours' concerns about lack of parking space, and the cramped layout.
 - Flooding is also a concern, and the Lead Local Flood Authority have recently noticed that Bellway have reduced the capacity of a balancing pond by 44%, so I hope the rest of the application is studied in detail by the City Council. I have been advised by a former planner that it would be a good idea to check that all the Outline Planning conditions are being met, so I've identified all the conditions required prior to commencement of development.
 - There were also neighbour comments about the effect on their properties, regarding noise, being overlooked, light pollution, unattractive outlook and shade.
 - My personal comment included a reference to a misleading section of the land between properties in High View, and the new development, which showed a 2 to 3M hedge on the site boundary as 9 Metres! A 300% misrepresentation is unlikely to be a mistake and does not give me much trust in the developer's integrity.
8. **Parish Magazine articles:** Rob Mills will be providing the article that goes into the March magazine. This will also provide a PO update. Ian will provide the calling notice for the AGM for the April magazine. Grant to provide executive summary of AGM for May's magazine.
9. **Date of Next Meeting:** 22 Feb at 19.00 at GLRFC with AGM on 10 April.

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