

Minutes of the Ruislip Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

7:45 at Winston Churchill Hall

on 28 April 2023

1. Welcome and apologies: Chairman Graham Bartram opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Guest speaker: Steve Tuckwell MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip which covers Ruislip Manor. Graham Bartram thanked Mr Tuckwell for his informative and interesting presentation.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023: These were accepted as a correct record. Mervyn Hogg, proposed adoption of these minutes. This was seconded by David Ellis and agreed without dissent.

4. Chairman's Report: Graham Bartram

Items covered: High Street changes, shopfronts, food delivery drivers. HS2 tunnelling almost out of our area but still lots of work to do. New Hillingdon Hospital is proceeding well, but nothing is certain until the hospital actually starts to be built. Planning issues are a major part of our work – Sue Browne needs an assistant. We are trying to get The Orchard locally listed. Bishop Arden school is not to be built, but the site may be used for a SEND school.

5. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts for 2023: Nick Potter

Residents were thanked for their sub payments and donations. We would particularly wish to thank Chimsons Chemist, Ruislip Manor for collecting over 100 envelopes containing subscriptions. The subscriptions and donations are slightly down, consideration to be given to introducing a Direct Debit Scheme, also to consider whether more collection points might be helpful. Currently the split on payments made online and through the collection points is 60/40.

"The accounts for 2023 are before you and have been certified by Ashburn's Tax Centre, Ruislip Manor. This firm performs the works gratis and I would like to thank them for their work this year and in the previous years".

John Nicola proposed adoption of the accounts. This was seconded by Michael Friesland and agreed without dissent.

6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members

Chairman Graham Bartram reported that no nominations had been received for any of the officers, apart from those for the existing officers. The officers, etc. for 2023-24 are: President Brian Cowley, Vice-Presidents Peter Lansdown, John Williams, Mike Hodge. Chairman Graham Bartram, Secretary Patricia Wardle, Treasurer Nick Potter, Vice Chair and Woodland Graeme Shaw, Chief Road Steward Daniel O'Neal and Deputy Chief Road Steward Alan Wenman.

The following Executive Committee Members were elected en-bloc unopposed: Vivien Alcorn, Sue Brown, Mark Eidem, John Hawley, Susan Midgley, John Swindells, Syeda Malik and Phil Taylor.

Graham Bartram thanked the executive members for their service to the RRA over the last year.

Graham Bartram proposed a vote of thanks to all the members of the Executive, seconded by Sue Midgely, which was carried.

Graham Bartram asked if anyone was interested in joining the Executive, especially to cover the vacancies: Planning. If anyone is interested please contact the chairman, or any member of the Executive.

7. Open Forum –

1) The management of Ruislip Woods - as the Council has not replaced the previous manager and is foregoing its responsibilities as a custodian of London only National Nature Reserve.

A. Councillor Corthorne has been in touch with Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services in respect of the replacement of the woodlands officer. Cllr Lavery informs me that Hillingdon's statutory obligations for Ruislip Woods as a Natural Nature Reserve are being fulfilled internally within the Green Spaces team, while recruitment is progressed. Since this may beg the question of what specific functions are required and are currently being fulfilled under these obligations Councillor Corthorne will be making a separate enquiry and will report back to the Ruislip Residents' Association.

2) Council needs to identify £35million worth of council-owned assets to sell and maybe more to plug the funding gap to balance future budgets - how many of Ruislip's heritage assets will be on the list?

3) What is being done to help sort out the delivery drivers in Ruislip and Ruislip Manor's High Streets.

4) The issue of the old CAB site was raised last year, it is still empty. Is there any news?

5) Difficulty in accessing 'My Account' – once the password is reset, the system will still not allow you to access the account. No one answers the phone so that this can be reported.

6) The Zebra Crossing between the old CAB Site and St Martins Church. This is very dangerous, only a matter of time until there is a major incident.

8. Any Other Business –

None

The meeting closed at 20.45 pm – Attendance 90