



Minutes of Roussillon Park Residents' Association General Meeting 29 April 2022

**This is a summary version of the Minutes for the RPRRA noticeboard
outside the Community Hall. The full version can be viewed on the
RPRRA website at rpresidents.co.uk**

Gerry Cleaver -in the Chair
Fiona Steele – Minute Secretary

Notified Apologies: John and Sam Carney, David Coke, Peter Day, Anna Miller, Lynda
and Nigel Murray, Graham Parr

1 Presentation by Maureen Corfield

Gerry Cleaver, in the Chair, welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced a presentation by Maureen Corfield (MC) who in 2021 had been elected as a Councillor for the North Ward of Chichester City Council in which Roussillon Park sits. MC has been very active in getting to know her constituents, and in talking to them, has identified a major concern about widespread speeding in the area. As a consequence she has been promoting a campaign to introduce a wide-area 20mph speed limit in Chichester based on research elsewhere in the UK. She provided a persuasive list of reasons why such a measure should be introduced in Chichester and then took questions from the audience.

MC thanked RPRRA for providing a platform for her campaign and would welcome any other support which residents could provide such as joining SpeedWatch and/or helping to get a 20mph default implemented. She also provided a useful hand-out summarising some of the key issues. If anyone would like a copy of the handout and to know more about the campaign please contact Maureen at m.corfield@chichestercity.gov.uk.

In thanking MC for her informative contribution, GC hoped that Roussillon residents would also become involved, not least in SpeedWatch.

2 Report from the Residents' Association Committee

2.1 Committee Membership

GC noted that this meeting was one of the two General Meetings organized for widespread residents' attendance, the other being the AGM (last held in November 2021). Since the latter meeting Robert Johnson has resigned from the Committee and Joanna Hooker and Tony Brandt have joined. **GC hoped that more residents would express an interest in the work of the Committee, either as a full member (elected at an AGM) or co-opted for special interests on an ad-hoc basis.** The Committee has a rotating chair which role is currently undertaken by GC who is also the RPRA Treasurer.

2.2 Banking

RPRA's funds have historically been held in an HSBC account but this is no longer sustainable because of the high fees charged for handling the Association's modest funds. Protracted and rather bureaucratic negotiations have led to the account being assigned to Santander although the transfer of funds still needs to be finalized.

2.3 Events

Sadly the traditional 'Carols on the Green' pre-Christmas event had to be cancelled in 2021 as a result of COVID restrictions, but GC hoped that as many residents as possible would be able to attend this Year's Picnic on the Park, scheduled for 5 June. This coincides with the weekend earmarked for the main celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and will have a strong Jubilee theme. Extra sponsorship for the event has been obtained from RMG, Hastoe and the Gardening Contractors and this is enabling more attractions to be offered. Further information will be circulated soon but the Committee would very much appreciate any help residents can provide in the lead-up to the Party. Please contact GC on ggcleaver@btinternet.com

3 Estate Matters

David Coke (DC), the lead member of the Shadow Management Company (Shadow Manco) was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting but his report was presented by John Bushby, another member. A copy of the latter is attached to the full minutes but can also be obtained from David Coke directly (decoke57@gmail.com).

In the subsequent discussion, traffic issues featured strongly, such as speeding around the estate, inconsiderate parking by residents, visitors and not least by delivery vans parking on the pavements. Children using scooters and bicycles have also been seen to be both a danger to traffic but also to themselves, and also quoted was inconsiderate use of Charlotte Avenue as a school rat-run. The supposedly forbidden use by non-residents of the MOD entrance off the Broadway as a cut-through to the Broyle Road to avoid the tricky exit at the end of the Broadway was also cited as an issue. **JB will refer all these complaints to the Shadow Manco for consideration by its Car Parking Working Party.**

The question of the timing of the handover of the management of the estate from ZeroC to residents has still not been settled but JB noted that it could happen by the end of this year

4 Any Other Business

Gardening Group

The excellent work of the Residents' Gardening Group in enhancing the appearance of the Park was mentioned several times during the meeting, and GC, to wide applause, took the opportunity to compliment the members and particularly Lory Lloyd on their achievements.

GC thanked residents for attending and the meeting closed at 20.30

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