

THE DERBY ROAD FUND AGM

Record of meeting held on the
17th October 2020 @12.00 pm held at 3A Derby Road

Present

Attendees: David Moro (Treasurer), Mrs Bishton (Independent Adjudicator), John Mullaney, Lyn Anthony-Higgins, Brian Cairns, and Elisabeth Westerlund. Jamie Harcourt joined the meeting following the voting count and departure of Mrs Bishton.

Apologies received from: Paula Benham (Secretary), Gillian Vooght.

Chairman's welcome

In the absence of Simon Scaddan, who had resigned as Chairman due to ill health, the Chairman's Report was issued prior to the meeting with the AGM notification letter and this was also posted on the DRF website.

Election/re-election of committee members

David Moro (Treasurer) and Jamie Harcourt were re-elected.

Gillian Vooght re-elected as a co-opted non-voting member.

John Mullaney/Lyn Anthony-Higgins - Joint Chair (referred to henceforth as the Chair)

Brian Cairns, Elisabeth Westerlund.

[Post meeting note – Paula Benham (Secretary) has resigned]

Elizabeth agreed to undertake the maintenance and monitoring of the Facebook page and postings on the DRF website.

Jamie agreed to continue to look after tree and verge maintenance issues.

Acceptance of the Minutes of 2019 AGM

Following receipt of residents' voting forms these Minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and voted in accordingly. Two clarifications made have been issued with the AGM notification letter and this was also posted on the DRF website.

Financial Report

The Treasurer had issued the financial report for 2019 with the AGM notification letter and this was also posted on the DRF website. The report was seconded and accepted as a true reflection of the accounts and voted in accordingly on the resident's voting forms.

Voting

Adoption of 2019 AGM minutes and the 2019 financial accounts were APPROVED.

Voting for the Pinch Point: Following the counting of votes received within the allocated time, 71 votes were received in total = 60 Yes, 10 No and 1 abstention, giving an 84.5% vote in favour of keeping the pinch point and 14% against.

The retention of the Pinch Point was APPROVED.

Additional Agenda Items

1) Email & fb post from Helen Savidge re Pinch Point Path Origin.

- 2) Email & fb post from Helen Savidge re Due Procedure PP Path.
- 3) Email & fb post from Helen Savidge re Financial Impropriety PP Path.
- 4) Fb post from Jon Lloyd re Pinch Point Vote.
- 5) Email from Adam Osman Payment of Committee Members.
- 6) Letter from Sheila Goldsmith Fir tree Ellesmere Close.
- 7) Email from Sue Feather regarding Pinch Point.

No vote or discussion was held on these matters (Added items 1 to 7) by the new committee at the AGM. The new committee was appraised of the location of the previous correspondence on the matter and resolved to conclude at the next committee meeting.

AOB (Any Other Business)

The following issues were discussed:

The problem of the benefits and disadvantages of the closure of the road. Two contrary opinions were expressed as to whether the 'right of way' of a household allows the road to be closed or not, and, if so, with what frequency. One opinion is that the right of way means 'right of access' to both Peppard Rd and Henley Road along Derby Rd and Grosvenor Rd. The other opinion is that so long as it is possible to reach either of these roads by one of the alternative roads, when the pinch point is closed, then the that right of way is upheld. A compromise was suggested that possession of a key by a householder with this right of way, or any other means to allow transit through the pinch point, would solve the problem. The committee agreed to further consider the arrangements for this.

The idea of buying Derby Road from the current owners, who, it is believed is the Crown, and that the ownership should be invested in a Derby Road Association. It was agreed that this is a complicated legal issue which would require legal advice. The committee will make further investigations into this option and report back to the residents.

Request for road fund payment. Brian and David agreed to liaise on the circulation of the letter to residents.

The committee agreed a meeting to be arranged between The Chair and the solicitor providing advice and also with the accountant/auditors.

The committee have it on good authority that early next year fibre is to be installed into Derby Road and its tributaries using existing BT ductwork. We will let you know when more information becomes available.

Meeting ended at 3.00pm approx