



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT BRAESIDE

ON 7TH February 2016

Present: Chris Lovelace Chairman
 Stephen Bull Treasurer
 Linda Bennett Secretary
 Allen Moat, Lee McDermott, Trevor Sykes, David Wood, Dotty Davis

Apologies: John Howard

	Action
<p>1. <u>JRRA CONSTITUTION / COMMITTEE / RESPONSIBILITIES</u></p> <p>> A draft copy of the Constitution, previously prepared by the Treasurer and agreed by the Chairman and Secretary, had previously been circulated to the above members for comment. Additional amendments were agreed at the meeting and a final draft will be sent out with these Minutes.</p> <p>> At present there are 3 people on the Committee but, with so much information to obtain, we will need more help.</p>	LB
<p>2. <u>LETTER-HEADING / COMMUNICATION</u></p> <p>> Examples of letter-heading, prepared by John Bennett, were circulated and the final choice made. This will be used on any letters sent out by JRRA. It was agreed that Committee names etc would not be shown, only the address to which the reply should be sent. A copy of letter-heading to be e-mailed to Trevor to put on JRRA Website.</p> <p>> It was agreed that Trevor will set up a JRRA website with the domain name www.johnsroadra.org.uk. This will enable new residents in the road to view the history of the Association. It will be a record of our actions in the event of computer failure or loss of paperwork and it will also link with the Tatsfield Village Website, the Parish Magazine, and other Residents' Associations in Tatsfield. Annual costs for registering the domain name will be minimal.</p> <p>> In view of the recent incident where a fire engine was called to the road, we need to communicate with the emergency services (Fire and Ambulance), and also the Recycling Company, to get their views on the state of the road, eg road surface, overhanging branches and lack of turning area.</p>	LB TS LM
<p>3. <u>STATUS OF THE ROAD</u></p> <p>To determine whether Johns Road is Unadopted or a Private road Allen had spoken to Dave Smith at SCC, who suggested that we were a Private Road with a Public Right of Way (Bridleway status (Number 637) and that in some circumstances they will patch up</p>	

<p>a Bridleway, but we would need to write to SCC. Bridleways allow access to horse-riders, cyclists, and walkers – cars are allowed because of historical usage and to access residences.</p> <p>We will write to Dave Smith, Countryside Access Officer, SCC, Countryside Access, Access Team, Whitebeam Lodge, Merrow Department, Merrow Lane, Guildford, GU4 7BD, asking him to confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that we are a Private Road - the width of the Bridleway (possibly 6m – 9m)? - does this include the grass verges? - who is responsible for the upkeep of the Bridleway? - who would be liable in the event of a horse, rider, or cyclist having an accident due to the condition of the road? - if we are responsible for the surface, which materials can we use? - are SCC prepared to finance or carry out repairs? - can we erect road signs, eg Private Road, Speed sign etc? - who is responsible for pruning branches overhanging the Bridleway? <p>The Land Registry could possibly tell us who owns the verges and woodland.</p>	<p>AM / LB</p>
<p>4. <u>BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION (BA)</u></p> <p>We had contacted the Tatsfield BA who stated that they do have to cut off overhanging branches in our road. They are unsure what the legal position would be if a horse-rider had an accident on a Bridleway.</p> <p>5. <u>ROAD SURFACE POSSIBILITIES AND COSTS</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the recent repair work has been short-lived because of the rain at the time and since, exacerbated by speeding vehicles and that any future permanent repairs be done during dry weather / summer. Other surfaces suggested were rubber crumb, concrete, granite nuts, resin bond. Previous quotes for road surfacing in 2010 mentioned that a Bridleway surface would have to be either “surface dressed tarmac, or concrete with a rough texture finish”.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Parish Council have offered Tatsfield residents the paving slab spoil from the repairs opposite The Ship (to be collected before 10.2.16. It was agreed that we would put some of this into the deep potholes as a temporary measure and Trevor and whoever is available will try and do this on 8.2.16 afternoon. Some members offered funds to purchase bags of tarmac for use in the summer. David will investigate suppliers and prices, but further funds would be appreciated. David also has an old roller which we could use to compress the tarmac.</p>	<p>ALL DW</p>

<p>6. <u>ROAD SIGNAGE</u></p> <p>It was agreed not to purchase any signs until we receive a reply from SCC.</p> <p>7. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>> Steve asked for permission to open a bank account for JRRA. He had spoken to HSBC, who will allow 2 cheque signatures, and will make an appointment with them. We can also pay in HSBC cheques through the Post Office.</p> <p>> Would an Equestrian Society be prepared to help with finance for a Bridleway surface, the same way that Sports Organisations help sports clubs?</p> <p>> Should we form a Neighbourhood Watch Group (NWG)? We have had one in the past. Some insurance companies offer lower rates if a road has a NWG. We could install a NWG sign, which could deter vandals etc. NWGs get e-mails from the Police about crime in the area. David will investigate.</p> <p>> Suggestion that we should have a separate JRRA e-mail address and not use anyone's private e-mail. Trevor will arrange.</p> <p>> Linda will circulate this group's e-mail addresses to each other.</p> <p>> Suggestion that future meetings are held in a neutral venue eg The Ship, The Bakery, WI hall.</p> <p>> Next meeting will be arranged when we have information to report.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>DW</p> <p>TS</p> <p>LB</p>
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