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MINUTES OF JRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 5TH MARCH, 2018 IN W.I. HALL

Present: Chris & Ann Lovelace, Steve Bull, Linda & John Bennett, Allen & Myra Moat, Trevor & Gill Sykes, John Howard, Martin Allen & Julie Jewell, Karen Hunt, Sandy Fisher, Enid Garrard, Dorothy Davis, Irene Ward, Steven Buckle, Roy Fiddimore,
Apologies: Rosie Favell, Malcolm Withers, Dave Wood, John & Sue White, Bob David

1. Minutes of AGM held on 6.3.17 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's Report

"Welcome everybody. Good to see Martin Allen our Tandridge District Councillor. We are going to hear from Martin later on an important issue. By the way, I thought Tandridge did a good job on clearing the snow on the roads last week.

I feel like Sisyphus, the Greek king who was punished by Zeuss. He had to roll a huge boulder up a hill, only for it to roll back down again. His task never ends. We have a similar task. We roll the stones into the potholes and they come back out again. We are lucky, we only have to do it once a year!

Although we have learnt more about how to deal with potholes - what materials to use and when to use them, as well as what materials not to use - we have been unable to get a year's wear before the holes returned. We will have to make good again in the spring and summer. Like Sisyphus, we have to keep going.

We have learnt too, how much money is needed to treat the road. This year we raised a little over £1,000 from our Association Subscriptions and we have spent around £1,900 (we had a residue of around £900 from donations) but some parts of the road have had no attention yet. We really need to raise £2,000 for 2018. This could be achieved if everyone contributed but only 55% of households do so at present and we thank those people who have contributed. This year we hope that more residents will join in. We all know that dealing with potholes piecemeal is not the most sensible way to use the money but that is all our budget will allow and in any event some residents do not want a proper road. Maybe we need to revisit this.

I will let Linda give you the details of what we have done as well as let you know the other issues involving the Association. Before I do, I would like to thank the Committee for their contribution and for their backing. In particular, Linda, our secretary, Steve our money man, and Trevor who looks after our website. We regret that we are losing Dave Woods, who has regularly supplied information on crime in the area as well as being our NW co-ordinator – he is moving. Also, George Greenslade (i-Pave) who is moving. He put his back into improving the road and he often filled in potholes without being asked or being paid. Perhaps that's why he is moving! We wish them both well. Thank you to the Committee members who donated the drinks and nibbles."

3. Secretary's Report

"Since our last AGM the potholes alongside the turning area have been filled, but the resulting yellow mud is under discussion with i-Pave; i-Pave have continued to fill in any potholes in the top section of the road when they have material available; John White kindly organised and carried out concreting to Section 5, opposite woodland, free of charge with JRRRA paying for materials.

David Hodge, Surrey County Councillor, joined our Committee Meeting in July. He and Martin Allen are interested in how residents of unmade roads carry out repairs. He suggested to TPC that new road signs are installed indicating to delivery drivers that a road has no turning area. He also wrote to the owners of the woodland adjacent to our road asking them to prune overhanging trees.

Tatsfield Parish Council have a Roads and Transport Section in place and this will be developed to take on the SCC plans. Allen offered to be our representative in discussions which could affect our roads.

Delivery vans have continued to cause problems when using the road unnecessarily and have become stuck in the gully alongside the woodland. Tesco were unaware of this and will speak to their drivers. Abel & Cole will also speak to their drivers and suggest that drivers do not drive along unmade roads but deliveries are carried to houses. We have contacted two Sat Nav companies, indicating that a more direct route from Ricketts Hill Road to Paynesfield Road, or vice versa, would be along Paynesfield Rd and Ship Hill rather than cut across unmade tracks.

If you see any problems with delivery vehicles please let us know the Company, Reg No, and date.

We have joined Private Roads Services – formerly called Private Roads Association - where we are able to access their advice and information.

We have become a No Cold Caller Zone and stickers were given to residents to put on their front door or window if they wished.

A new sign has been put in the turning area asking for space to be left for turning vehicles.

i-Pave moved the signpost holding the 'No Through Road' and 'Neighbourhood Watch' signs to the opposite side of the road where they are more visible.

We have planted daffodil bulbs near this signpost and the Johns Road sign.

We have liaised with Surrey County Council, Tatsfield Parish Council, and Mr Newman at 42 Paynesfield Road, regarding his plans to erect a garage in his garden and create access in our turning area which would contravene our status as a Private Road.

All information is put on our Residents' Association website by Trevor to keep us up-to-date and our domain name has been renewed for another year.

Neighbourhood Watch and Countryside Alerts are forwarded to residents with e-mails to keep them up-to-date with crime and scams etc. Also, alerts regarding water problems etc are also sent to residents with e-mails."

4. Treasurer's Report

"Copies of the Financial Statement for the year to 31/12/2017 were circulated to attendees, and Steve reflected on the fact that the opening bank balance for the current year was negligible.

Income for 2017 was entirely constituted from resident contributions, raising £1065, and as commented on by the Chairman, this needed to be increased for 2018 in significant terms by contributions from a larger number of the cohort of (32) resident members.

The majority of the expenditure figure was made up of £850 to i-Pave for 'Section 2' repairs and £750 for concreting of areas further down the road.

He suggested that the requested individual contribution from residents for the current year should increase from £60 to £70, with the hope that more residents will contribute.

It was further proposed and agreed that the constitution should be amended so that the financial year end of JRRR should be moved forward from 31 May to 31 March in 2019. This would allow the AGM to be held in early April which would be both immediately after the year end and also during the lighter evenings, still allowing time for funds to be collected in time for commencement of works in late Spring."

5. Financial contributions from residents

Due to the increase in the cost of materials and the fact that some residents had not contributed, it was proposed that the annual subscriptions be increased to £70. Some of those present felt that a resident not contributing should not have an influence on what repairs are carried out.

6. Election of Officers

The following Committee Members were voted in en bloc, proposed by Martin Allen and seconded by Dorothy Davis:

Chris Lovelace, Chairman	Steve Bull, Treasurer	Linda Bennett, Secretary
Trevor Sykes	Allen Moat	John Howard

There is a vacant space on the Committee and also the post of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and if anyone would like to fill these roles the Committee would be pleased to hear from you on the e-mail above.

7. Amendment to date in the Constitution

It was proposed that the Financial Year End should be amended from 31st May to 31st March. This would mean that our AGM could be held after the 31st March when the evenings would be lighter and that any works agreed could be carried out in the Spring. The meeting agreed.

8. Future Road Repairs

The Chairman asked if residents were happy with what had been achieved regarding road repairs and the majority agreed. It was felt that the recurring potholes at the top of the road are caused by vehicles being driven over the recommended **5mph** plus the increasing number of delivery vehicles. Some residents felt that the road was used more after repairs, but delivery drivers have said that their sat navs direct them along Old Lane, Georges Road, and Johns Road to get to Paynesfield Rd and Ricketts Hill Rd. The Committee have explained to delivery companies and sat nav websites that it is best to use the tarmac roads rather than unmade roads.

Suggestions put forward:

- That we could put in speed humps
- Whether adding a stronger material to Type 1 / planings would help repairs last longer.
- Constantly driving along the same side of the road past the terrace houses wears the road out, perhaps parking should be staggered in order to make vehicles go slower and repairs last longer.
- Alternate parking along the top of road
- Although i-Pave (George Greenslade) has offered to still carry out work for us after his imminent move, an alternative would be to use the Contractor who puts hot planings along Crossways. However, we have been told that no professional contractor really wants to do a 'make do and mend' job on our road as it does not give a good impression of their work, but we are unable to afford a more professional repair.
- Residents felt that what i-Pave put down at the top of the road in the first instance was good and that rolling it in helped it last.
- Kemsley Road has used ash/dust called '10ml to dust' which is mixed with cement to bind it. This is usually obtained from quarries and possible quarries are in Bletchingly and Moorhouse.
- Could we use metal sheets over the potholes?
- Could we use plastic grids which are then filled with gravel etc, as in country car parks?
- Ask speeding vehicles to slow down.

It was agreed that we will experiment with road surfaces.

9. Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan – Martin Allen

"Tandridge District Council has a Local Plan for the future and Tatsfield Parish Council has opted to prepare a Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan (NP). At present we have an 18 member Steering Group which includes the Topic Groups listed below. Allen Moat is already representing JRRA on the Transport Group but other offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

- *Protection of our environment in Tatsfield*
- *The built environment, eg being able to state what type of houses Tatsfield needs, such as protecting Johns Road and other unmade roads from becoming too built up*
- *Appropriate housing for the village – if the Government's proposal for a Garden Village does not go ahead and Tandridge has to provide 9,400 – 12,600 houses, we would be able to use our NP to limit development in our village.*

- *Local Economy , eg losing our village shops and not letting the Furze Corner playing field becoming a housing estate.*
- *Transport and infrastructure*
- *Community facilities*

When each Group has finished its plan the facts will be put to the village and a survey carried out. This will then go to TDC and adjudication, a final referendum carried out, and the results are then entrenched into the TDC Plan.

The NP has a website and there is a link from Tatsfield Talk and the Village Website. The next NP meeting is on 15th March to which any one is invited and then there will be two public meetings in April, the 24th 6 – 8pm and the 28th 12- 2pm.

*It became apparent that most of the village were unaware of this NP, but more members would be very welcome and if you have any questions or would like to participate in a Topic Group please contact Martin Allen, Chairman, Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee,
Home 01959 577201, Mobile 07515 923826, martin_allen@talk21.com or Cllr.Martin.Allen@tandridgedc.gov.uk “*

10. Questions from Residents

If we wanted to obtain a load of material for filling in potholes Martin suggested that we put them alongside his hedge at the top of the road. We could ask David Hodge if we could have Council road planings and fill in potholes ourselves.

11. Any Other Business

No other matters raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Following the meeting residents thanked the Chairman for his time and contribution to the past year's efforts.