

**Minutes of the 344<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 4pm**

Present: ALEX HOWARD (AH) Chairman  
LORNA PONTI (LP)  
NEIL COULSON (NC)  
  
JAMES PERITON (JP) Estate Manager

Absent: MARK LEE (ML)

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The minutes of the 343<sup>rd</sup> meeting held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 had already been approved, signed and circulated on the website.

**POLICY MATTERS**

None

**GUIDELINE APPLICATIONS** (*adjoining Club land*)

- A. 4922 Kingussie Heatherside Drive – Two detached garden buildings**  
The Committee approved the application for the sacrificial outbuildings.

**ROUTINE APPLICATIONS** (*non-adjoining Club land*)

- A. 4922 Abbots Wood 22 Badgers Hill – Garden room/gym**  
The Committee approved the application for the outbuilding.

**PRE APPROVED APPLICATIONS** (*in Area B – adopted roads*)

- A. 4461 amend Amraoti Quentin Way – Retrospective application for open car port**  
**B. 4920 67 Harpesford Avenue – Replacement conservatory to single storey brick garden room**  
**C. 4919 6 Cabrera Avenue – Loft Conversion**  
The Committee ratified the pre-approved decisions

**OUTLINE APPLICATIONS**

**Grass Deep Morella Close – extension and refurbishment**  
In principle the Committee had no objection to the Outline Application.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. WRA AGM – Elections, Resolutions, etc.,**  
The Committee discussed the recent meeting between AH and Nigel Moss regarding the procedure for the forthcoming WRA AGM elections. The agreed consensus was that much of what the WRA wish to implement is outside their Constitution and that there is excessive interference into the operations of the WERC. Furthermore, that they have not followed the correct procedure in their Constitution for changes of Regulations and Rules and that they do not seem to know the difference. However, the document did confirm AH and NC will not need to stand for re-election as their tenures are 2022 and 2023 respectively. The intention is for ML to be re-appointed to fill the casual vacancy left by Chris Robbins as the tenure for Mark, who originally replaced Peter Lomas, comes to an end. Mark will not be due for re-election until 2023.

The Committee had issues with the following;

- i) The vetting of a nominee and that it goes too far. The Constitution merely states the person needs to be a WRA member and a Road Rate payer. Their character and/or areas of expertise are not relevant – the person has the right to stand.
- ii) The term of 1 year as a change from the current 3 years was considered too short. JP commented much of the effectiveness of the Committee comes from 'continuity and consistency' which comes from serving more than one year.
- iii) The WRA seeking cap the tenure to 3 years is not in the spirit of the Constitution, if the person who has served their term wishes to stand again then they can and the democratic voting process would determine whether they are preferred.
- iv) The restrictions on those residing outside a Constituency wishing to represent it if there is already a nominee who lives in the Constituency who also wishes to stand were considered unreasonable. The person not residing in the Constituency maybe be far more suitable, that again, would be determined by a vote.
- v) The proposed changes to the voting cannot be changed unless presented and voted on at an AGM (not in preparation of an AGM), even then 2/3 of those voting need to agree. It was agreed due to this year's pandemic the voting process would be difficult and that Mi-Voice is an option but it should not and cannot be the only option, the Constitution gives members the right to a proxy and the ballot procedure should be followed.

It was agreed AH will communicate back to Nigel Moss and the WRA.

**B. Wentworth Drive - Resurfacing**

NC had had lengthy discussion with the Board of Reignwood and it is accepted the condition of the road, under the Agreement between WERC and the Club dated 1997, is unsatisfactory. The matter was discussed amongst the WERC members and an equitable solution was suggested that would see the road resurfaced in 2021/2022 to the WERC specification that would be put to the Board soon. Thereafter the Club will give notice on the Agreement and the road taken back by WERC.

**C. Chairman's Report – Final comments**

AH confirmed the Chairman's Report was in the late stages of a draft that would be circulated to members in the next few days. This will go out with the RR invoices.

**D. VAC - Update and discussions**

The Committee discussed at length the latest progress with the current installation of the barriers. Earlier in the day ML had updated JP as to the progress with GT Pro which was relayed to the Committee. An application had recently been submitted for a Certificate of Lawfulness for gates on Wentworth Drive and Portnall Road, the Committee believe the legislation has been correctly followed and therefore Runnymede BC should grant the application. The proposed functionality of these gates, in particular the intercom, was discussed. It is estimated there will be an overspend to install all the necessary barriers of approximately £175,000.

**E. Tournament Fee NC confirmed this has been paid.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 19.55hrs



**Alex Howard**  
Chairman WERC

**DATE 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020**