AGM GREVILLE ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
ROSS STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE
9 FEBRUARY 2018 7.30 PM

Members Present: Mary Swann, Lily Madar, Steven Godwin, Susan Brownell, Margot Sargeant, Lindsay & Steve Duff, Mr & Mrs Bhatt, Richard Lord, Bill Primrose, Graham Dunkling, Tina Jones, Hazel Trocian, Chris Cowan, Nick Lowe, Tom McGrath, Rachael & Geoff Hinkins, Lenore Muskett, Caroline Jones, Margaret Willis, Emmy Smart, Richard Buttery

Members Unable To Attend: Martin Jenkins, Richard Swann, Jonathan & Rachel Darby, Sharon Ankin, Harriet Philips, Lars Kajaer, Karen Stamper, David Trueman, Molly Harding, Warren Dosanjh, Raymond & Alice Tate, Alicia Periel, Sophie Williams, Rod Bower, Carole Waugh, Paul Dolman, Jane Batten, Anne Harmer, Marilyn Thompson, Kathryn Lilley, Dom Pickersgill, Debbra Morlock, Shay Lettice, Debbie Barham, Adam Moghadas, Gina & Richard Baker, Mie Buttrey, Harriet James, Tina Angelini, Heather Peck, Jean Rumbelow, Helen Harrison

Meeting chaired by Lenore Muskett; meeting called to order at 7.50pm; minutes taken by Caroline Jones

Welcome and introduction of new members

GRRA Membership:

Total Number of GRRA members: 62
Total Number of GRRA households: 45

Election Officers:

Current Officers:

Chair — Lenore Muskett; Vice Chair — Tina A. Jones; Treasurer — Margaret Willis; Membership Secretary — Emmy Smart

Proposed Officers:

Chair — Lenore Muskett; Vice Chair — Caroline Jones; Treasurer — Margaret Willis; Membership Secretary — Emmy Smart

The proposed candidates were accepted without opposition

Tina A. Jones was thanked for the considerable work she put into the RA over the past two years.

Accounts:

The 2017 accounts were available to view at the meeting, and they will be uploaded to the GRRA website.

Residents' Parking Consultation (Lenore)

The results of the consultation regarding our local area parking were available to discuss. 16% of the residents in the Coleridge West Zone returned their forms. 53% of our zone voted in favour of the Residents' Parking Scheme, therefore the scheme has passed and will be implemented in our Zone. (Greville Road Results: 44% voted; 76% approved; 18% opposed; 5% undecided.)

Timetable:

5 June 2018: the Residents' Parking Scheme will be submitted to the Council for final approval.

Three to four months later (late summer or early autumn of 2018) the Parking Scheme should be put in place.

Possible delays:

The residents of the Newnham Zone have also voted for Residents' Parking, so we will be in competition with them for the workmen; however, Lenore was told that although the Coleridge West Zone was the larger of the two zones, it was much less complicated than the Newnham Zone so our zone would most likely be the first to be put in place.

If the 2018 autumn proves to be a particularly cold season, the workmen will not be able to paint the road lines because they won't stick in very cold conditions. If this is the case, they will have to wait until spring 2019 to implement the Residents' Parking Scheme.

What the zone will consist of when finished:

The Cambridge West Residents' Parking Scheme will consist of double-yellow lines and residents' only parking bays. There will be two waiting zones next to the Flamstead Scout Hut. There will be no metered parking in our zone.

Times and days are still being negotiated, but at present the proposed restrictions are: Monday - Friday, 9am to 7pm.

There is a cost to residents for adopting Residents' Parking, but due to the monitoring costs involved, the scheme is not expected to 'make money' for the Council.

Greville Road:

On Monday, 5 February, Lenore walked through the Coleridge Zone with County Councillor Noel Kavanagh, two members of the Highways Team, and a representative from Skanska, the firm responsible for implementing the parking restrictions. The purpose of the walk was to discuss the residents' suggestions for improving the scheme. For Greville Road, the group agreed that their original plan for the parking bays needed to be reversed, so the parking bays at the Coleridge end of our road will now be on the south side of the road, and those at the station end will be on the north side.

The Highways Team said that Greville Road was by far the worst road in the zone for bad parking, congestion, etc. Lenore felt they were implying that if the Residents' Parking Scheme had not passed, some other form of parking restriction would have been imposed on our road.

Playing Out Scheme

One of our members, Karen Stamper (not present), would like to explore the possibility of a Playing Out Scheme for our road. Lenore read out a brief description of the scheme taken from their website:

One way to change things for children in your own community is to organise regular, temporary 'playing out' sessions on your street. With permission from your council, you can close your street to through traffic for a short time, giving children the chance to play out freely, with no organised activities. Neighbours volunteer to 'steward' each end of the street to redirect through traffic and allow residents car access at walking speed.

If the residents of Greville Road agreed to the scheme, Karen thought it could be given a trial run in spring or summer of 2019, after the Residents' Parking Plan had been put in place.

A vote was taken to get an idea if the members present would be interested in the scheme. 9 members showed an interest. One member asked if there would be a cost involved in closing the road.

Lenore will email all members, giving further details of the scheme.

Verges

Lenore read out an email from a resident who was concerned about the widening of drives and the consequent loss of verges. There are very strict Council rules regarding what is allowed to be changed regarding the verges. Within that remit, residents are allowed to have an entrance to the full width of their property. (You are not allowed to drive over the grass verges.) Most residents would like to keep the verges where practical. In a previous survey the verges were voted to be kept, rather than parking bays. This was when the posts were installed.

Other issues raised by members regarding the verges:

The trees are too big for the road.

The roots of a tree at the Coleridge Road end are growing out making the pavement uneven and is a trip hazard. The council don't seem to seem to consider this a priority.

Another resident made the point the council have been dragging their feet about fixing the large puddle problem on the pavement directly outside his house

Lenore reported that Noel Kavanagh said that repairing potholes in the road were a priority with the Council.

Website

Richard Buttery gave an overview of the GRRA website, highlighting items we may not realise were there. He concluded by asking if there were any comments.

One suggestion was that perhaps restaurant or café reviews might be useful to share. It was thought that this addition would be fine to be in the public part of the website.

Another idea was for people to notify others of vegetables they may wish to swap or maybe wish to share due to over ambitious gardening.

It was commented that the history of past residents was interesting

There was also a suggestion that we could have a list of the names of who live where, but only in the members part of the website.

The meeting came to a close at 9pm