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Minutes of Meeting 11th January 2016 at 22 Marchwood Avenue, Emmer Green, RG4 8UN

1. Present. Annette Fairweather (Chair), , Liz Lyke, Veronica Leeke, Margaret Ormonde, Linda Glithro

Apologies. Bill Harper, Barry Prior

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Association Committee held on 12th October 2015 were agreed.

3. Committee Membership. Michael Denoon – Slater has stepped down from the committee, and has agreed to continue managing the Tradesmen's List. No response has been received for the three roles advertised in the Winter newsletter. The committee agreed to prioritise the Member Secretary role.

4. Membership Renewals.

2016 Renewals due totalled 63

22 renewed in December

5 renewed in January prior to this meeting

3 cancelled memberships

5. Matters Arising

BBC Visit. An application in writing must be submitted (**Action LL**).

Volunteer Reception. A tea party has been organised for Saturday 16th January in the St Barnabas Parish Centre for the newsletter and noticeboard helpers. LL and AMF have organised the catering.

14 volunteers have accepted.

Promotional Material. Agreed to defer purchasing promotional material.

Daffodil Update. The daffodil planting was a success and thanks go to all helpers. An article was published in the Caversham Bridge.

The committee also thanked MO for her hard work in pulling this project together.

Wild Flowers. VL updated the committee on progress of the wild flowers. To date no response has been received from the RBC. Suggestion for VL to contact Caversham Globe for support. **(Action VL)**

Notice Board. Sample of self-healing material shared with the Committee. Example of where the self-healing material is already in situ to be obtained **(Action AMF)**
Request price is only one side is replaced with the self-healing material **(Action AMF)**
Request a local carpenter looks at the noticeboard to discuss the use of self-healing material **(Action AMF)**
LL suggested we request funding from local shops. Committee voted against.

Village Sign. Email received from BP to advise he had spoken to RBC Dave Booth who has confirmed that the council are responsible for maintaining the Village Sign and will action.

Constitution. In progress for submission to the AGM **(Action AF)**.

EVA. Copies of previous EVA's received from Julia Naughton.
New dates received from RBC for the 2016 EVA

Love Clean Reading. VL had reported a plant growth situation which is now presenting a potential traffic hazard. There had been difficulty tracking the report and no action had resulted so far. A report will now be made to the Highways Dept. (Action VL). No further update has been received.

6. New Items

Bugden's Car Park Entrance

An EGRA member has raised a concern regarding the new width restrictions at the entrance to the Cavendish Road shops.

Committee members discussed and noted that the concern was raised prior to the recent change in height of the width barrier.

All committee members agreed that the width restriction was required to prevent large vehicles damaging the car park and that this is an improvement.

7. Planning Update (VL)

The Surley Row application has passed

An application for houses near the Herb Farm, Sonning Common has been rejected and CADRA are monitoring.

Application 152039 EGRA to object re losing a footpath. Draft response to be circulated to committee prior to submission to RBC **(Action VL)**

8. Treasurer's Report. BH circulated Treasurers report prior to meeting.

Report balance is £2160.73

Subscriptions look high as a number of January 2016 subscriptions were received in December.

Admin expense of £35.86 includes the web hosting which will be shown separately in next statement of accounts

9. Feedback from Local Meetings

NAG. AMF attended Nag meeting which was very interesting. Minutes circulated. Following NAG meeting the Rotherfield Road safety petition was circulated to all members with email.

Caversham Globe. Committee agreed that where issues are pertinent to Emmer Green we will aim to have a committee member attend Globe Meetings.

Patients Group. MO attended Patient Group and circulated minutes from last meeting. Defibrillator is progressing.

Conservation Area Meeting. Report circulated.

10. Any Other Business

True Food. LG has taken in copies of newsletter as True Food had an article. In addition, LG has become a volunteer.

Readibikes. BP has raised with RBC. No further updates received.

Recruitment. AMF advised that Emmer Green Primary have agreed to put an article in their newsletter and also recruitment leaflets in children's book bags
(Action. Recruitment leaflet to be designed AMF)

VL thanked Clive Ormonde for the work he contributes to maintaining the EGRA website. It was noted that the website is regularly updated.
The committee agreed and asked that their thanks be given to Clive Ormonde **(Action. MO)**

Next Meeting. ~~Monday 21st March~~, Monday 29th February 7-9pm at 8 Stuart Close, Emmer Green RG4 8RE