



# EMMER GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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### Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 37 Kidmore End Road, Emmer Green.

**Present.** Annette Fairweather (Chair), Linda Glithro, Bill Harper, Liz Lyke.

**Apologies.** Michael Denoon -Slater.

**1.Minutes** of the previous meeting of the Association Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 were agreed.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

2.2.1 Mailchimp. No action.

2.8. Phone box. Management arrangements have been planned, but the legal document dealing with the site ownership is still awaited. Bill will review when received.

2.13 Inventory. Drafted and agreed, subject to the addition of the banner.

3.2 Database security. No action.

11.2 Local Plan. Submission made and acknowledged. Circulation to Members had produced some positive feedback.

14. Notice Board. New post installed. Thanks to Michael for all his efforts to get this achieved.

16. Village Sign. The loose bricks have been fixed. A revised quote for the cleaning has been received at £360. The work will be carried out on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Bert Noe had secured sponsorship from Farmer and Dyer and Reading Storage Units up to a maximum of £400. £31 had been collected at the AGM. The balance of funding will be requested from the sponsors when the work has been done

17.2 Tradesman List. Michael has agreed to produce an updated list.

#### **3. Committee Membership**

3.1 Michael has tendered his resignation as work and family pressures meant that he could not contribute effectively. The Committee is grateful for what he has done.

3.2 Satisfactory arrangements are in place for Supporters to carry out a number of tasks and take responsibility for areas of interest. Dr Smith has taken on the planning function and has made a useful start. Margaret Ormonde is active in the Conservation & Environment role.

3.3 The small Committee cannot be expected to cover all the other current areas of work. An appeal for a Membership Secretary and a Secretary are to be made in the next Newsletter, pointing out that if important volunteer positions cannot be filled the present levels of activity will not be sustained.

#### **4. Web Site.**

4.1 Clive Ormonde has reported that the present web hosting provider is not giving a satisfactory service. The site cannot be updated. Efforts are being made to find an alternative provider, but this is proving complex. The Committee agreed that EGRA should meet the proper costs of making any changes.

4.2 There is also a question over the future of the management software currently being used, but itself experiencing problems. Clive has been encouraged to investigate what options there may be to improve things.

### **5. Annual Event – the Walk**

Arrangements are in hand for this event on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Numbers stand at 19. If there is any further reduction Committee Members may take up places. It was agreed that a gift would be purchased for Stuart Hylton.

### **6. AGM 2018**

St Barnabas Church and Centre have been booked for 13<sup>th</sup> March. Angela Buckley – a local author – has agreed to speak. All the other arrangements would be as adopted in 2017.

### **7. Membership Update**

7.1 Three new Members had joined since the last meeting.

7.2 Plans have been made to have an EGRA presence at the Precinct on 8<sup>th</sup> July and the St Barnabas Garden Party on 15<sup>th</sup>. The aim is to publicise the work of the Association and seek recruits.

7.3 Whilst some efforts to recruit new Members will continue, there will be no major drive. That would generate an administrative workload that would be difficult to handle, and it may also be awkward if EGRA has to curtail its activities.

### **8. Summer Newsletter.**

Items for inclusion were reviewed. In order to be able to include some up to date material, publication will be delayed until later in July.

### **9. Treasurer's Report.**

Accounts to the end of June were submitted. There have been only small income items received since the last meeting. There are adequate funds if hand to finance the sign cleaning pending the receipt of donations.

### **10. Planning Update**

10.1 Dr Smith had drawn attention to two items of possible interest, but it was agreed that neither required action.

10.2 There have been reports that the BBC Centre at Caversham Park is being put up for sale. That by itself – even if verified – does not require action from EGRA. That will arise when proposals for the use of the site are being developed.

10.3 Gladman Planning Proposal. There has been no decision for SODC, and it is reported that Gladman is putting them under pressure to pass the application. No action required from EGRA until more definite information becomes available.

### **11. Feedback from Meetings**

11.1 Patients Group. The notes of the latest meeting were circulated.

11.2 NAG. The notes of the latest meeting were circulated.

### **12 Date of next meeting**

Provisionally fixed for 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 141 Old Peppard Road