



**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Rowney Green Association
Held on Wednesday 1st September 2021**

Present: Andrew May (Chair), Peter Cain, Rick Chima (Treasurer), Andy Chustecki, Michael Corfield (Membership), John Cypher, Andy Dunkers (Vice Chair), Nigel Evans, Roger Farley, Sandy Jenkinson, Brian Jones, Sara Kitchen (Secretary), James McManus, Maggie Moore, Will Savage, Dorothy Snaddon, Mike Stilwell, Richard Woodward

Apologies: Tony Wallis

The Chair welcomed everyone back as this was the first full face to face meeting since the start of lockdown. Meetings have continued to be held by zoom with only the executive team in attendance however minutes have been shared with regular attendees and published in the Calling Oak during this time.

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from 6th July were approved as written.

2. Matters arising

The Chair has been in communication with Aled Luckman (the local authority councillor) who had originally agreed to meet in the village, however the matters have now been progressed by email.

The drain near the Dell has been cleared which has reduced the risk of flooding, however this may become blocked again as the soil bank has not been supported and as a result the leaves and soil are likely to continue to fall into the drain.

It has been agreed to sweep Gravel Pit Lane to reduce the debris on the road.

The Memorial bench has been slightly damaged, possibly by the lawnmower but has been repaired by a local resident.

3. Treasurer's report

There is £1,871.81 in the bank and £28.01 cash in hand.

4. Membership

It was confirmed that 125 out of 195 houses in the village, (64%), are members of the RGA.

5. Planning Update

This was provided by John Cypher. The Bordesley Hall planning application was submitted for approval in August and a significant number of objections raised. Worcestershire Highways declared it unsustainable and against the District Plan's objectives, The Worcestershire Archaeological Society requested a full investigation of the area before any work could be carried out. There was significant discussion as to whether the RGA should also issue a formal response on behalf of the village. 65 complaints were received but was this representative of the 195 houses

within the village? It was agreed to post a flier to each house to confirm the views of the residents as a whole, and to ratify whether the RGA should formally represent the village majority view formally.

There was a detailed discussion about the destruction of the hedge in the park to make way for additional parking in line with APC's grant funding rather than use it for field drainage as requested by the Village Hall Trustees. There was concern that APC were not listening to the views of the village. Will Savage agreed to take back the concerns of the RGA to the Village Hall Trustees.

6. Crime issues

Neighbourhood Watch has been very quiet since the last meeting however if you have any concerns, please call 101 for assistance.

7. Council issues

All council issues have been covered in Matters Arising above.

8. A.O.B.

None.

Next meeting: 2nd November 2021 at 7.30 in the small meeting room at the Village Hall.

Further meeting dates include: 4th January, 1st March, 3rd May, 5th July, 6th September and 1st November 2022

Chair's signature and date: