



**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Rowney Green Association
held on Tuesday 7th July 2020**

Present: Andrew May (Chair), Sara Kitchen (Secretary), Rick Chima, Michael Corfield, John Cypher, Andy Dunkers, Nigel Evans, Maggie Moore

Apologies: None

Note: due to Covid-19 restrictions the meeting was held by zoom and restricted to the Executive Committee and John Cypher (who reports on Planning) only. Full minutes will be issued to the standard circulation.

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 3rd March were approved as written.

2. Matters arising

All are covered in the agenda.

3. Treasurer's report

There is £1,841.31 in the bank and £229.75 cash in hand. £35 contribution towards the village lockdown memorial book was approved.

4. Membership

It was confirmed that 124 out of 194 houses in the village are members of the RGA. It was agreed to suspend the collection of membership subscriptions falling due in 2020 until it is safe to do so. 27 subscriptions are currently outstanding.

5. Covid-19 general update including Alvechurch Cares (AC)

Bromsgrove District Community Support project is winding down in August following the Government guidance to reduce shielding and easing of the lockdown.

Alvechurch Cares I (AC) is also winding down from 1st August as current demand for shopping etc is low and 'The Lounge' has reopened which will reinstate services for both younger and older members of the community. If there is another spike and the service is required, it will be reinstated. The AC Mental Health on-line support will continue.

Rowney Green 'Lend a hand' has had only a few requests.

Worcestershire County Council 'Here to help' line is still operational to help organise food deliveries and food parcels.

6. Planning Issues

At the Parish Council July planning meeting there weren't any issues directly affecting Rowney Green. .

14 The Square in Alvechurch has had its third rejection for a Simply Fresh and linked Post Office franchise. The Post Office will soon be offering the franchise to other retailers in Alvechurch.

1 Bear Hill, (the former Post Office), will require planning permission to convert half the downstairs property into a bar and live music venue. It has only applied for a drinks licence so far

The former Vets' surgery on Birmingham road has been approved for conversion into five flats.

Rowney Green playing fields parking and pavilion improvements -. New proposals will be presented (using a zoom meeting) by Marc Worrall, Alvechurch Parish Council Chair, to the RGA Executive and Village Hall Trustees on 21st July.

7. Alvechurch Post Office

See planning note. The mobile van is still in use. Sajid Javid has responded to all those who signed the petition. A copy is available if required.

8. Crime issues

Neighbourhood Watch has been suspended during the pandemic however no incidents have been identified in the village other than mopeds riding through Lower Rowney Green about 11pm.

If there are any issues you are concerned about, please call 101 for assistance.

9. History Society update

The Alvechurch Museum has closed and Rowney Green artefacts reviewed. These include the original Mission Church sign which has been returned to the Chapel, some scrap books and Rowney Green Players programs dating back to 1924. The original School date stone, dated 1884, has been returned to the village. A permanent location is to be agreed with land owners.

10. A.O.B.

Motor-cross recently restarted in Weatheroak. It was agreed that, as the most significant impact was in Weatheroak, the Chair would contact his Weatheroak equivalent to confirm that they should continue to monitor its progress and keep us informed. We will offer support as required in future.

Next meeting 1st September at 7.30 in the Village Hall back room.

2020 future meetings include 3rd November.

2021 dates to be confirmed.

Chair's signature and date: