



Annual General Meeting on May 5th 2026

Attendees: John Cypher (Chair), Andy Dunkers (Vice-Chair), Michael Corfield (Treasurer), Pete Cain, Margaret Rollason, Cllr Ruth Clarke, Cllr Alan Bailes, Nigel Jealous, Martin Miller (Secretary).

John Cypher noted that the meeting was not quorate for voting on any changes or actions.

1. Apologies received from: Andy Ballard, Liz Ballard, Wendy Easter, Cllr Marc Worrall, Richard Woodward, Wendy Jealous, Tim Edwards.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on May 6th 2025 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

John Cypher stated the Gravel Pit had been sold to an RG resident over a year ago and they were initially open to the possibility of public access to the site. However, the new owners had problems with access to and debris in the gravel pit making the necessary insurance prohibitive for public access.

4. Chairperson's report.

John Cypher outlined that the RGA had 7 stated aims with the main three being: to work towards improving the quality of life for residents, to preserve and promote our local history and to preserve and improve the environment. The RGA had focussed on these in the last year. At times RG residents disagree over things and the RGA does not get involved but concentrates on community aspects of RG.

4.1 Road Safety Concerns. John Cypher thanked County Cllr Bailes for his help in tackling various road safety issues but more particularly the RGA had found Worcestershire County Council (WCC) were not of a mind to introduce a 20mph speed limit for RG. The RGA had arranged a walkabout of RG with local MP Bradley Thomas and he had written to WCC supporting the RG case. With WCC intransigence on this issue Cllr Bailes advised to concentrate on improved road signage. Wendy Easter had prepared a paper on behalf of the RGA recommending a number of changes for new signs and repositioning of others.

4.2 Bordesley Hall. The RGA had no issues with the new plans for the Hall conversion and three new attached dwellings. However, the RGA had objected to the way the site traffic had damaged the road at the turn into the Hall and that traffic had not adhered to the agreed route. Wain's Homes had responded with finally putting up adequate signage and directions and agreeing to repair the RG Lane road sign. The reinstatement of the Heritage Wall was awaited.

4.3 Power Outages. The RGA now had a good dialogue with the National Grid who worked hard to correct issues and help mitigate or prevent them. The RGA had produced a leaflet for residents to advise on appropriate action in the event of power outages. The Village Hall Trustees agreed to open the Hall for respite after any 4hr outage if the Hall had power.

4.4 Crime. In the last year there had been an aggravated burglary with a knife attack and vehicle theft. This had led to further interest in CCTV in the village. The possibility of deploying a temporary camera from Bromsgrove District Council was explored but no suitable position for it could be found. Recently private interest in undertaking CCTV had emerged but this is fraught with camera location and legal issues.

4.5 Community Improvement Projects. The RGA had conducted a survey of RG residents looking for interest in how to improve RG and its environs. There were only 19 responses from 190 dwellings with the top three topics being: improving local footpaths, improving local environment and equal third, better road signage and resurfacing of the few RG footpaths. **(Action to email Ruth Clarke and Steve Hornsby with the RGA website to obtain the Calling Oak for RGA news).**

John Cypher finished his report by commenting that the RGA Committee had worked well over the year and RG was fortunate to have Cllr Bailes on both the District and County Councils to represent our views.

5. Treasurer's report.

A copy of the report was distributed and summarised by the Treasurer. The reporting period was less than a year due to the change last year to run to a calendar year. The apparently lower subscriptions reflected this change. 66% of properties were subscribed to the RGA.

6. Annual Subscriptions

There was no recommendation to increase the £5 per household annual subscription.

7. Changes to RGA Constitution.

None had been proposed

8. Membership Data

With RGA membership at 66% of RG properties John Cypher wondered if the RGA needed to campaign for more members. Discussion points included : With finances sound this may not be a priority. Andy Dunkers stated the focus should remain on approaching people who are new to the village and Michael Corfield gave reassurance that each year all non-members get a note delivered reminding them of the benefits of joining and inviting them to join. It was noted that by this time next year Bordesley Hall development would have new residents who should be approached.

9. Nominations and Election of Executive Committee.

No changes were proposed.

John Cypher to continue as Chairperson.

Michael Corfield to continue as Treasurer.

Andy Dunkers to continue as Vice-Chair.

Martin Miller to continue as Secretary.

Cllr Wendy Easter to continue as Executive Member.

Margaret Rollason to continue as Executive Member.

10. Any Other Business

None was raised.

The AGM was closed at 20:03 hrs.

Date of next AGM – Tuesday May 4th 2027 at 7:30pm