

**Minutes of the Rowney Green Association meeting on Tuesday
7th May 2024 at 7:30pm**



Attendees: Andy Dunkers (Acting Chairman), Michael Corfield (Treasurer), John Cypher, Dorothy Snaddon, Richard Woodward, Cllr Alan Bailes (Bromsgrove DC), Maggie Moore, Brian Jones, James McManus, Wendy Easter, Tom Webb, Tim Edwards, Martin Miller (Secretary).

Apologies received from: Pete Cain, Cllr Marc Worrall, Cllr Barry Thornton, Margaret Rollason, Sandy Jenkinson, Pauline Knight

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes were amended to show Cllr Bailes (Bromsgrove DC) and then approved as an accurate record of the meeting on March 5th 2024

2. Matters Arising from the Meeting on Mar 5th 2024. Andy Dunkers noted that the unruly lavender bushes had been removed that had blocked a path in the village. He hoped all villagers would ensure that paths and roads were kept free of unruly foliage associated with their properties.

3. Update on Highways Issues.

3.1 20 mph speed limit. Nothing further had been heard from Cllr Luckman about the proposal for a 20mph speed limit. Cllr Bailes had also met with rebuttal on asking about this. John Cypher noted that the re-elected Police Commissioner, John Campion, had agreed to visit parts of Alvechurch Parish including Rowney Green to discuss speed limits. Wendy Easter noted that Campion's stated strategy was to help vulnerable road users such as horse riders, pedestrians, and children where there were few pavements, narrow streets and little lighting which pertains in RG. Richard Woodward commented that Cllr Worrall had recommended that the Police and Highways Dept get together to help resolve this debate. Alvechurch PC was working to arrange the necessary partnership session (**Action**).

3.2 HGVs in Storage Lane. The signage has now been moved as requested.

3.3 Flooding by The Dell. This has now been satisfactorily rectified with a new kerb laid.

4. Speed limits. John Cypher had prior to the meeting circulated a discussion paper on the RGA committee proposals for the reduction of local speed limits. This had been prompted by all the building developments that are about to occur. The proposal is for the 60mph limit on Storage Lane to drop to 30mph at Bordesley Hall Farm which then remains 30mph all the way down the Holloway to the junction with the Redditch Road which is a 40mph limit. Rowney Green centre

would be a 20mph limit between the current 30mph signs (a proposal already with Worcs County Highways) and then go up to 30mph (not the current 60mph) all the way past the Dell up to the junction with the Bordesley Hall entrance, Storage Lane and the Holloway. To help slow traffic at the pinch point on the Holloway dragon's teeth markings are suggested for the road surface with mandatory signs indicating priority to traffic coming up the Holloway. There was unanimous approval at the meeting for these proposals.

5. Planning Issues.

5.1 It was noted that the Arosa development had been approved. Cllr Bailes expressed disappointment about the approval which was totally inconsistent with Bromsgrove Council needing to uphold the sustainability of approved projects and so help address climate change.

5.2 Bordesley Hall. Wain Homes have not been back in touch and revised plans have not yet been resubmitted. Details about lighting and the heritage wall reinstatement are required and still outstanding. It was confirmed that Section 106 funding was still available from this development. Cllr Bailes indicated that the sooner we can get sign off on the speed limits then the sooner we can allocate monies towards the Holloway signage and improvements. **(Action to contact Wain Homes).**

5.3 The other extant planning application related to the appeal for the construction of two dwellings at Bordesley Hall Farm - previously rejected by BDC.

6. Repair to Bridleway/Footpath from RG Lane to Alvechurch Lodge Farm – path number AV-588.

We are still awaiting action from the Worcestershire CC countryside service.

7. Crime Issues. John Cypher had asked the Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion, when he attended the recent Alvechurch PC event, about the Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras pilot held in several Shropshire parish areas. The report on this is now out and from the results the Police have apparently concluded that the project is not going to be extended. The APC clerk has asked if copies of the report can be made available

8. Treasurers report. Operating profit for the year was £282 with reserves standing at £3076. 137 Houses (70% of total) were members of the RGA with over 90% now subscribing by bank transfer.

9. Any Other Business.

9.1 Michael Corfield stated that as the RGA finances were healthy it was open to requests for funding. Money for a new Worcestershire Wildlife Trust information board was mentioned and Wendy Easter said she would take this up with them **(Action)**. Michael Corfield

requested money for purchasing a wardrobe to store all the Historical Society items relating to the village in the Green Barn. This was approved. A request for two historical maps of the village to be bought for the Village Fete was approved.

- 9.2 It was noted that the 8 Hills National Trust plan now includes all of Rowney Green.
- 9.3 Cllr Bailes asked for feedback on the new bus route which had been adjusted with a smaller bus to facilitate negotiating the journey.
- 9.4 Cllr Bailes mentioned that the District Council approval for local heritage lists had gone out for consultation and recommended that the RGA obtained the list to see if any further buildings should be on it (**Action to contact Cllr Thornton**)
- 9.5 Richard Woodward expressed thanks to all the RGA team for their excellent work put in over the last year that has helped protect and improve the village.

The meeting was closed at 20:37 hrs.

The next RGA meeting will be on Tuesday July 9th 2024 at 7:30pm, followed by Sept 3rd 2024, Nov 11th 2024 and Jan 7th 2025.