

Rowney Green Association meeting 03 May 2022

Attendees: J McManus, M Corfield, A Dunkers, B Jones, M Miller, R Woodward,
J Cypher, A English, S Jenkinson,

Apologies and consent to absence accepted from:

M Moore, P Cain, N Evans

Pecuniary Interest: All were asked if they had acquired a pecuniary interest since they last completed a written declaration. None was declared.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 01 March 2022 were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

Purchase of Children's play equipment for playing fields

Play equipment in need of repair and perhaps replacement, 1 baby swing seat and 2 larger swing seats. Clarify with Alvechurch Parish Council if there is grant to do this work, maybe needs to be checked by ROSPA. Possibly RGA to purchase 1 extra piece of equipment. Check who is responsible for maintenance. Playground should be a regular agenda item.

Discussion around the amount of Dog Poo surrounding the playground and field areas, suggestions included free poo bags, extra poo bins, however, there are problems attached. R Woodward will liaise with Alvechurch Parish council for solution.

Update of Bordesley Hall Planning Application

It appears there is no decision notice yet, although there is evidence of lorries and other equipment moving along the Holloway. Damaged caused by huge lorries has been dealt with by Seven Trent several times, a solution yet to be decided upon, it appears the ground underneath the road surface isn't suitable for the weight, there are ideas to solve this but no decision. Chairperson had attended meetings with Planning Committee who weren't prepared listen to any objections.

Treasurer's Report

Report distributed. There is a very healthy balance.

Membership update, including membership fees

Membership stands at 136 houses. Subs stand at £15 for three years.

Crime Issues

S Jenkinson resigned after 30 years' service, feels that it's time for technology to take over, i.e., social media making it easier to be in touch with the people of the village. It would still need to someone to liaise with the Police.

Our support officer now has an electric bike.

Tools stolen from a van has been reported, also a car number plate reported stolen.

Any Other Business

It has been brought to the attention of the RGA that land on Gravel Pit has been put up for sale via sealed bids, the ownership and the land usage was discussed along with how this has happened and the process in which it's been offered for sale were questioned. Its use over previous years was mentioned, this has included a wildlife area and pre school children also used this area. The consensus of the meeting was who, and how, the decision to sell was made without consultation with the villagers it will affect, it should have been made common knowledge by Alvechurch Parish Council, before going ahead with ideas such as allocating it as allotments. The Hayward Trust or a private group of Rowney residents may have taken the opportunity to create something for the residents. It was proposed that the Chairperson would put a 'stay' on land sale at the next Parish Council meeting, this was agreed.

Next meeting 05 July 2022.