

**Minutes of the EGVNF Annual General Meeting held on 29th July 2021,
at 16.00 pm, by Google Meet**

Present: Mike Kelly (Chairman), Melanie Frobisher, Robert Buick, Alan Sloan, Fred West

Item 1; Apologies for Absence; Terry Barnett, Debi Hallett

Proxies: The Chairman announced that he had received 25 proxies from Forum members giving him permission to vote on their behalf and that none of those 25 were present at the meeting.

He confirmed that all of the proxies had voted to approve all of the matters noted in the Agenda, and a record of those proxies and their vote was held in an electronic record by the Secretary, Rob Buick.

The Chairman called for votes on the following matters in accordance with the Agenda;

Item 2: Proposal; ‘Notwithstanding clause 5(a) of the Constitution, which states that the AGM should be held within 3 months of the end of the Financial year, this meeting, being held 4 months after the end of the financial year, is approved by the Forum members as the Annual General Meeting for 2021’

- Approved unanimously by show of hands (5) and proxy votes (25) total 30 votes.

Item 3; Minutes of the last AGM: Approved unanimously by show of hands (5) and proxy votes (25) total 30 votes

Acceptance of Reports for 2019/2020

Item 4; Chairman’s report – Approved unanimously by show of hands (5) and proxy votes (25) total 30 votes

Item 5; Treasurer’s and Financial Report – Approved unanimously by show of hands (5) and proxy votes (25) total 30 votes

Item 6; Secretary’s Report – Approved unanimously by show of hands (5) and proxy votes (25) total 30 vote

Item 7; Election of Committee 2020/2021

The following Steering Committee members put themselves forward for re-election;

Mike Kelly
Melanie Frobisher
Robert Buick
Alan Sloan
Fred West
Terry Barnett

All Potential Committee members were asked if they had any pecuniary or other interest that would impinge or lead to bias in the execution of their duties as Steering Committee members and all the above confirmed they did not.

The appointment of all the above to the Steering Committee was approved unanimously by show of hands (5) and proxy votes (25) total 30 votes, except for Debi Hallett, who was approved by show of hands (5) and proxy votes (24), total 29 votes, with (1) proxy vote against.

All the committee members listed above were therefore approved to continue on the Steering Committee

Item 8; AOB;

- 1) None from participating members
- 2) Proxy vote participants were asked if they had any other questions, and the following questions were raised and are answered below. None of these questions affected or concerned the purpose of the AGM and therefore are answered on an 'information only basis and require no further action in respect of the business of the AGM;

- a) Not sure if it's within your remit but would like to know if any movement made on residents parking.

Reply; it is not directly in our remit. The Neighbourhood Plan is limited to Planning Policies, and such things as Public Infrastructure (roads, etc) traffic and parking are out with the remit. We are, to some extent, allowed to put forward 'aspirations' which have no legal binding but provide a suggested solution to such problems raised by residents in our questionnaire. When residents vote on the completed Plan, they will be voting on the 'aspirations' as well, and we would therefore hope this will carry some weight with those who decide these matters.

- b) I suggest that a traffic speed camera should be installed near the junction of Barley Mow Road and St. Jude's Road, facing down the main road towards the village centre, in order to deter motorists from speeding after they have passed the mini roundabout at Bond Street. The pedestrian crossing notwithstanding, there is a lot of vehicular and pedestrian traffic coming in and out of Barley Mow Road, both sides, to the Green and to the school, and speeding cars heading away from the village present a hazard. Few seem to obey the 30mph limit.

Reply; See the answer above. Your comments are noted.

- c) Does the Forum have power to influence the RBC Planning Committee?

Reply: The Forum is a statutory body to whom all Planning Applications have to be sent by RBC. Planning Department. That said, the Forum can only object on the grounds that the

application fails to conform to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan (In the same ways as e.g. Surrey Transport, as a statutory body, can only object on road management grounds). RBC Planning Department are obliged to take into account our objection and justify their recommendation.

Ten objections from individual residents or groups representing residents such as the Englefield Green Village Residents Association (EGVRA) must be submitted to elevate a Planning decision from being decided by the RBC Planning Department to being decided by the RBC Planning Committee, (which consists of Elected Councilors)

A Forum Steering Committee member examines all Planning Applications, and we discuss these at our monthly meetings. We try to keep the EG councilors informed when we see an application coming through that seems to be contrary to our emerging Plan or the principles behind that Plan.

However, we have to emphasize that we have no statutory power to prevent Planning applications being passed. As stated above, we limit our objections to those applications that contradict our emerging Plan and are obliged to leave other applications for neighbours and EGVRA when there are other grounds for objection.

d) I would like details off the plan for the green.

The Green is Crown Land, leased to RBC under a strict lease agreement. It is administered by a committee of our local Councilors and two Residents that have a view of the Green. The minutes of their (usually) 3 monthly meetings can be found on the RBC web site at [Englefield Green Committee - minutes - Runnymede Borough Council](#)

The Green as an open piece of land that cannot be built on and is protected through various RBC Planning Policies and through the Crown lease agreement. Our Planning Policies and aspirations will not change that status but some of our environmental policies may strengthen that position.

A Copy of the Agenda is attached for reference.

Meeting Closed 16:20

Englefield Green Village Neighbourhood Forum

Annual General Meeting No 2

Thursday 29th July 2021, 4.0pm to 4.30pm

Venue; Virtual Meeting on Google Meet

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Proposal; 'Notwithstanding clause 5(a) of the Constitution, which states that the AGM should be held within 3 months of the end of the Financial year, this meeting, being held 4 months after the end of the financial year, is approved by the Forum members as the Annual General Meeting for 2021'
3. Approval of previous AGM minutes (June 2020)
4. Chair's report
5. Treasurer's and Financial reports
6. Secretary's report
7. Election of committee
8. AOB