

Picket Piece Residents Association

Minutes of meeting online – 13th May 2020

Attending: Chris Parker (CP) Pippa Hulme (PH) Chris Grant (CG) Michael Leese (ML)
Tom Stevenson (TS) Keith Rackham (KP)

Apologies: Judy Marr, Andrew Perry

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Update on actions from last meeting
Federation of Private Residence Association follow up – ML has been following up with this action, and feels it may be useful to the Remus Group when it is set up. They usually deal with flat groups but may have suggestions as to other associations we can use that can assist with our type of set-up. They offer legal and other advice, Cost is £345pa + £75 joining fee.
ML will also look into other governing bodies
- 3) Local funding follow up – CG is currently waiting a response from parish/ward councillors (emails have bounced back) and copied in Nick and Chris. If no response will escalate inquiry to Head of Borough Council. Andover Town Council have grants, max £1000 per application limited to £15000 total for area, **CG not heard back but will continue to follow up.**
- 4) National Lottery Funding – CG advised they have set criteria for funding requests. ML suggested looking into other areas like CO-OP, Greggs all fund local community based projects like sports, gardens, arts and crafts etc.
- 5) Paving/lighting/Speed signs: KR reports the Town Council has confirmed we are going to get a single mobile speed indicator sign for the village. It cannot stay in the same location for more than two weeks and so has provisionally suggested three locations on the Walworth Rd for it to rotate between, either end of the village just after entering and at the bottom of the hill coming from the DWH roundabout as cars tend to accelerate down the hill. Regarding paving/lighting we may need to consider petitioning the relevant authority/getting other area's within the communication i.e. Wyke down area. Might be worth checking local plans of residential property development companies to see if anything was included within the plans (foreman homes and others) **This is ongoing follow-up.**
- 6) Newsletter and follow up leaflet on CV-19 – CP re-hashed and sent letter, PH is having program issues, but ML and TS both have Microsoft publisher, will look at draft to get sorted, adding an opt in for paper newsletters, as most village can access website/social media but not all, so happy to produce paper versions for them. Will contain reminder for services offered by volunteer groups, warnings re scams from police and information on the football pitch/housing issue to remind people re objections required. CP mentioned Hannah who produced a fantastic information sheet for local residents and has been speaking to her. **CP to send draft to ML + TS to finish producing.**
- 7) Membership – CG reports Social and sports club has ceased activities as per government advise due to CV-19 so all activities/actions put on hold at this time.
- 8) Village Hall notice board – we are able to add/remove notices as required, the glass has got a temp repair and something more permanent is being looked into.
- 9) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – ML has been following up, this is now running and he will look into getting coordinators, deputies and volunteers. This means better rapport with local police, able to report suspect behaviour/get crime information etc. ML has been speaking to our area coordinator, Steve Highstead (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) to get info on how best to organise the scheme, but it is a run how best works for the village. **ML will have more information at next meeting.**

10) Gmail emails are now up and running for PPRA and are as follows:

info@picketpiece.org
admin@picketpiece.org
chairperson@picketpiece.org
vicechairperson@picketpiece.org
secretary@picketpiece.org
treasurer@picketpiece.org
planning@picketpiece.org
michael@picketpiece.org
Neighbourhoodwatch@picketpiece.org

11) Google Drive API/file sharing – TS reports the website has a lot of storage available so a separate area will be added for committee members.

OTHER ITEMS

12) Environmental update – ML has been speaking to Andrea Harris, Charlotte (Countryside officer, Rod Mason and Shelley (litter picker organiser) all are keep to get involved in various activities once CV-19 and lock-down is over. Considering wildlife walks, setting up activities for kids/all ages, litter picking events (Shelley has equipment and is happy to supply and assist). ML requested a page on the website for Environment. Also discussed Britain in Bloom – as makes access to grants and other perks – consider a community garden space with help from local keen gardeners for local community use. **ML to continue following this up.**

13) Future events – due to CV-19 its currently hard to plan events for PPRA and PPS+SC (picket piece sports and social club) Maybe consider a belated VE day/combined with VJ day in Aug/sept? PPRA happy to offer help to PPS+SC with events they run/collaborate with events. CG contact for club.

14) AOB – discussion on possible webox meeting for local residents as a form of introduction to all committee members? **Need to complete constitution**

Action points: Highlighted within mins

Next meeting of committee - 10th June 2020 – likely online.