**AGRA**

**Notes of meeting held 2 August 2017 in Garden Room Hogs Back Hotel**

**1 Attendance**

Sue Wyeth-Price Chair

Elaine Boyes

Norman Bristow

Karen Heane

Ray Rogers

Steve Pedley

By invitation David Weller owner of Ash Manor

**2 Apologies**

Apologies from Fiona Samuel-Holmes and David Wyatt

**3 Culvert White Lane**

Council will shore up and then decide what to do.

**4 Notice Board**

* SW has one key and suggested one other be cut and held by another member of the committee. RR will be the other key holder.
* Carol from the Nursery wants to advertise on the Notice Board. Agreed that this would be OK and that others who wished to advertise similarly should be able to do so. SW would put a note on the Board to that affect.

**5 Speeding**

SW had written to the Ash Parish Council about speeding. They felt the problem was not so much exceeding speeding limit but inappropriate speeds. The possibility of means to restrict speeding was briefly discussed e.g. ‘speed reduction tables’. SW would further investigate.

**6 Talks**

An offer for a talk on fuchsias had been received and would be considered in the context of AGRA possibly laying on talks for residents as part of a social programme.

**7 Events e.g. tour of brewery**

* SP had figures for cost of coaches if events so required.
* SP raised the possibility of organising a tour of the Brewery with, may be, a following social event such as curry evening in say Tongham Scout Hut. To be further considered

**8 Dog warden**

EB had been in contact with Peter Bernard the Dog Warden who had been very effective in stopping a persistent offender. He was agreeable to having his name and contact details on the AGRA web site.

**9 Neighbourhood Watch**

Possibility of organising a meeting about Neighbourhood Watch was raised and would be explored further with a contact made at the EGM. If undertaken it was suggested to include a Surrey Police representative.

**10 Wild life enclosure**

NB reported that an area on the South side of Ash Green West had been fenced to take wild life captured from developments.

**11 Fund raising**

SP suggested that the Committee should discuss at its next meeting the question of fund raising for AGRA and consulting residents about how such funds might be used. Funds needed to be put aside for pursuing expenses in challenging planning applications etc. and some expenses incurred by members of the Committee.

**12 Amended Planning 513**

* DW updated the Committee on developments re grading of Ash Manor. Historic England had been in speedy and active contact with DW, had visited the Manor, the Oast House and stables and were clearly serious about possible upgrading the whole from two, to two star or one. They had sent in a 3 page objection to 513 showing serious interest and intent (see planning web site and DW’s submission re history of the buildings). The Historic England’s objection was based on Grade 2 listing but would be immensely strengthened if there was an upgrading. Result of the grading review expected mid-August.
* SW will send in an objection to the amended application on behalf of AGRA to include
	+ The amendment fails to address most of the objections to the original
	+ Reference to Historic England
	+ Tree TPO
	+ History of area re DW’s submission
	+ SUDS – SP to advise

**13 Proposed change to BOAT Ash Green Lane West**

* SCC have proposed changes to the west end of Ash Green Lane. Historically this was a byway open to all traffic (BOAT) but a Road Traffic Order (RTO) was placed on it in 1994 which prevented the use by motorised or horse-drawn vehicles. Bewley Homes have requested that the westerly end of the BOAT, for a distance of 430 meters, be converted back into a road. A new barrier will be placed at the east end to prevent motorised vehicles from travelling down the rest of the BOAT. SCC has secured £27,528 for the ongoing maintenance of the access road if the TRO is approved. This is the sum Bewley Homes have offered for SCC to adopt the road which will be the main access to the Minley Nurseries site. It appears that no one knows who owns the affected stretch. The work seems to have already commenced. SP had written to the Ramblers Association to ascertain what might be the best grounds for objection.
* The proposed change could eventually lead to opening the whole of Ash Green Lane West and thus AGRA should object albeit the proposal is outside Ash Green. SW is still determining what grounds could best support an objection and will let committee members know before the 14 August deadline.

**14 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 August at the home of SW commencing 7.30 pm.