**Racecourse Ward Committee & Residents Association**

**(RA)**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Zoom 20 November 2024 1800 hours**

Present: Adrian Abbs – Chair

 Noel Desnos - Liaison to District Council

 Alan Dorling Member

 Angela Hay - Member

 Liz Calvert - Secretary (temp)

Apologies Ian Taylor

Absent Sophie Pownall -

 Sara Malone

 Stephen Alan

 Angela Parkes

 Gary Parkes

 Arsenly Kozyrev

Agenda

1. Chairman’s Reports
2. Liaison Reports
3. Grant Status
4. Next steps - Christmas
5. Date for AGM and shall we use Zoom
6. AOB
7. The Chairman reported that the grant request had been submitted but more information is needed and questions raised. The feedback is to focus on expanding the RRA in order for it to become stronger in negotiations with all land owners. Issues around installation of defibs – GPC are supportive but who will be the guardian? St John’s Ambulance has been approached and waiting for a response but they won’t pay for consumables. There isn’t a lot of money but it is a positive start to get funding going and to help build membership.
8. a. Noel raised the issue that Remus are not included in the liaison structure. They are responsible for the communal areas and gardens. Need to have a representative to take on this role. Action - to send out a note to the community identifying this need and ask for a volunteer to take on this role. We will contact the liaison representative of the racecourse to identify who Remus is answerable to.

b. Angela reported an issue with the hot water supply in her block and the issue was reported on F/book asking if the Association could take it up with Eon. The chairman stated that it was not possible at this time as it had been agreed that we should not involve ourselves in individual community based issues.

c. Noel reported that the speed activation signs on Racecourse Road were not lit up. It was agreed to take this up with Phil and Eric. Discussion took place re the removal of the barrier on Racecourse Road. This will need all residents to be surveyed. Noel to liaise with district council.

d. There is no street lighting on Home Straight. This is a footpath – not an adopted road. This is a matter for David Wilson Homes. We should interface with DWH especially in regard to the new 7 blocks.

1. As at item 1.
2. Christmas – Alan reported that the southern end of the Racecourse had organized for anyone who wanted to put up lights and so far 250 + homes were participating with a switching on arranged for 3 December.

Angela reported there was a Racecourse Community Christmas party on 12 December. Details to be posted on RRA Facebook. It was suggested that Kennet radio could probably advertise it too. Its too late for the RRA to organise anything at this stage.

Noel said that the notice boards are controlled by Remus and any notices can be added by asking them to add items.

5. AGM – Friday 13 December 2024.

Could RRA put any money into GPC t- Chairman to ask GPC to pay everything for us i.e. manage finances.

1. AOB – people need to suggest how GPC can help us to encourage membership.

Date of next meeting – Friday 13 December 2024