

Newbury Racecourse Ward Committee & Residents Association (RWRA)

Minutes of Meeting held on Zoom 29 September 2024 1630 hours

Present: Adrian Abbs – Chair elect
 Noel Desnos - Liaison to District Council
 Mathew Adams-Nel Liaison to Racecourse
 Steve Allan - Liaison to Racecourse
 Angela Hay - Member
 Liz Calvert - Secretary (temp)

Absent Sophie Pownall -
 Sara Malone
 Alan Dorling
 Angela Parkes
 Gary Parkes
 Arsenly Kozyrev

Purpose of meeting

To formally agree to the formation of the Association, accepting its constitution and election of committee members.

Agenda

1. The meeting was opened by **Adrian Abbs** and the positions of the Committee were proposed and agreed by those present.
2. It was agreed that the aims of the Association should be those identified from the survey where there was 80% consensus by members and added to the constitution.
 - a) Have our voice heard whilst with the Racecourse – 97.56%
 - b) To be non party political – 73%
 - c) Ensuring our voice is heard at Greenham Parish Council – 85.37%
 - d) Ensuring our voice is heard at West Berks Council 87.8%
 - e) Help Build sense of community 90.24%
3. It was agreed that the constitution previously circulated should be adopted in its entirety but could be amended in due course as the Association develops.
4. Following discussion it was proposed and agreed that all members of the association who expressed a desire to become a member of the committee should be allowed to do so. The number currently stands at 17. This should mean that there will always be a quorum of 5 members at meetings.
5. It was agreed that a WhatsApp group of committee members should be set up to make communication easier. The chair asked for a volunteer to do this. **Steve Alan** to establish group and include email address, mobile numbers required.

6. **Steve Alan** agreed to be the Facebook Admin for the Residents Association Group.
7. Following discussion it was decided to keep paper comms to a minimum but the Chair indicated that in the future if the Association needed to finance the setting up of bank accounts and supporting paperwork we could approach Greenham Parish Council for a grant to start the process.
8. The Chairman stated that in order to ensure that the Racecourse and councils took action when the Association raised concerns we need 50% of all household in the Ward to be members. Less than that our concerns may be listened to but only acted upon voluntarily. Action:
a) The Chairman to make contact with the CEO Sean Hinds to invite him to our next meeting proposed on 20 October 2024. b) If CEO available prepare another invitation to join meeting on 20th with a view to encouraging more new members. c) Advise the Lodge of intended meeting.

Date of next meeting

Sunday 20th October 2024 at 1630 hours to be held at the Lodge, Newbury Racecourse.