

Minutes of 2014 AGM, 6th March 2015:

Wivenhoe Old Quay Residents' Association (WOQRA)

Executive members present: Aulay Mackenzie (Chair), Bernard Horan (Secretary). Committee members: Keith Baker, Simon Page. 12 other members present;

Apologies from Sandra Ellesley (Treasurer), John Forrest (committee member), Harvey Lyon, Richard and Margaret Barrowman, Jane and Glynn Stanway.

Meeting opened 8:20pm and chaired by Aulay Mackenzie.

Parking

The meeting discussed the parking proposals that had recently been presented by the North East Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) and there was some considerable concern raised about the inconsistency between the maps and textual descriptions. It was also noted that some residents did not receive letters as they were not considered to be affected by the parking, leading to confusion about who would be required/able to purchase parking permits. Many attendees could see the reason for the introduction for the parking regulations, but some were concerned about the imposition of a universal 'tax' to resolve a problem that did not affect all residents. Overall, there was no clear backing for permit parking from the meeting.

AI: AM to articulate WOQRA's concerns about the issues above to the NEPP, requesting a second round of consultation on the parking proposals.

Accounts

The accounts were stated as described in the 2014 annual report.

Officers

The secretary and treasurer have stepped down from the committee and the meeting thanked them for their contribution to the residents' association. No replacement members were proposed.

Any Other Business

Site Maintenance

There was, again, considerable anger and frustration that Persimmon had failed to undertake the maintenance work that they had indicated they would complete in 2013, particularly the refurbishment of street furniture, despite many promises from Persimmon's Adoption Coordinator, Steve Read.

Given the lack of progress, members expressed their wish for WOQRA to provide funds for volunteers to paint the ironwork of the benches that look onto the water feature, covering the cost of the paint.

It was agreed that WOQRA would reimburse members up to a maximum total of £150 to purchase paint for this purpose.

Cycling along West Quay

One of our members expressed concern about some people who cycle along West Quay at 15mph or more. As this walkway is shared by cyclists and pedestrians, many of whom are children or elderly people, there was a proposal that a speed limit of 5mph be introduced. Although many members who lived along West Quay were aware that there were occasions where cyclists were cycling too quickly, it wasn't seen as possible to introduce a speed limit, given our lack of control over West

Quay. However, any accidents or incidents should be reported to the local Police (on 101) or brought to the attention of the PCSO.

There being no further AOB the meeting was closed at 8:55pm

Minutes prepared by Bernard Horan