



## **Leybourne Park Residents Association AGM 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (virtual via Google Meetings)**

**Present:** Christine Belton-Brown, Rupert Keppel-Palmer, Marie Whale, Ian Whale, Reiss Braniff, Emma Found, Jenny Clements, Tim Scott, Nikki Scott, Christofi Christou, Richard Scaysbrook, Irina Culic

**Apologies:** Gary Slinn

### **Election of Officers:**

The Co-Chairs announced that they would be standing down after steering the helm for 4 years on the RA. With the upcoming street-party scheduled for the end of June, Secretary GS away, it was unanimously agreed that the present committee members would continue in their roles for a defined short period of time without change or re-election, in order to oversee the successful delivery of the planned street party, as a dissolution of the committee and or a handover during the final stages of preparation is not preferable. A number of residents attending the AGM indicated their interest in helping out on the committee – but saw benefit in a wider campaign drumming up support being introduced alongside further information around each role.

The current Co-Chairs additionally committed to remaining on the committee going forward once a new Chair has been elected in order to ensure that a smooth handover can be completed, and also to continue to support the community.

With regards to election of a Treasurer, the current postholder indicated a similar intention – but again agreed to extend his tenure of officer until the extraordinary general meeting in July.

The Secretary was not present at the meeting – sending his apologies.

**Accordingly – those present collectively agreed that an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) would be convened in July to vote in a new committee. Should there be no agreed election of committee members / officers, at this meeting, the dissolution of the RA would be initiated in line with the constitution.**

**A date in mid-July will be advertised with sufficient notice in line with our constitution before the end of June in order that these activities can be correctly carried out.**

**Co-Chair's Report** – both Co-Chairs provided a statement on the activities of the RA over the last year, including a number of successes/positive developments achieved for our community.

**Financial statement** – Accounts for the financial year were circulated and accepted.

## Discussion items:

- **1) New estate management company – introductions**

The challenges around the transfer from First Port to RMG were discussed in detail; including the alleged lack of transfer of all reserves, budget, contractor and resident details from the former estate management company to RMG. This result in a number of challenges – predominantly centring around a lack of financial resources to undertake wider estate management / maintenance projects during 2024. Attendees highlighted ongoing issues with some residents struggling to gain refunds from FP around credit on their accounts. It was agreed that legal advice would be sought – and RMG / E&M consulted given that these debts sit with First Port.

**RKP to write to E&M advising of sitrep – seeking their input.**

- **2) Parking Controls –**

The current status of parking controls, including the journey that RMG embarked upon when they first took over the estate was discussed in detail. A number of residents highlighted PCNs received for parking within visitor bays – in many instances multiple penalties.

**RKP to request a meeting with RMG and CPM on site to discuss and confirm areas that would attract penalties, and areas where any such penalties already issued should be cancelled. Additionally, RKP to write to GD at RMG requesting bays are repainted.**

- **6) Traffic mitigation / Pedestrian Safety**

The Co-Chairs detailed the ongoing work with the Parish Council, TMBC, KCC and MPs Tris Osborne and Hele Grant around traffic levels and pedestrian safety especially in the area of the Papyrus Way / New Hythe Lane roundabout. A number of activities are being discussed – with the RA pushing for installation of a pedestrian crossing on New Hythe Lane, relocation of the two bus stops. After any years of effort, we have received confirmation that progress is being made on these matters with the Highway Improvement Plan now including these workstreams, and KCC confirming that the reintroduction of this essential bus service is now feasible.

Across the year meetings with our local MP and councillors have highlighted our concerns. We continue to push.

- **7) Panattoni – traffic controls**

Following ongoing efforts with Panattoni and KCC – ANPR cameras were installed on College Road to ‘police’ the unauthorized use of HGVs entering their business estate via this restricted route. In parallel, the RA continues to push KCC to approve the signage application that Panattoni has lodged with them for Bellingham Way / Leybourne Way directing HGV traffic via these authorized routes.

- **8) Street party**

CBB provided an update on the planned street party on the 28<sup>th</sup> June which will bring together our entire community. Flyers have been printed and dropped to all residences across the estate yesterday. We look forward to welcoming all our neighbourhood and sharing some quality time together.

- **9) AOB –**

RS and NS lead in their thanks to the current Co-Chairs and all the committee for their efforts across a number of years, delivering improvements to the community. There was a consensus from all present that the RA adds significant value to our neighbourhood, and that it should continue.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm