

ROUSDON OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023
Sunday 2nd July at 11.00am in Peek Hall
MINUTES

1. The Chair (Glynis Preshaw) welcomed 41 residents to the AGM.
There were Apologies for Absence from another 33.
2. The Minutes of the last AGM held on 24 July 2022 were approved. There were no Matters Arising.
3. (i) The Chair (Glynis) reported that the Estate continued to look beautiful and she wanted to thank all those who work so hard to maintain it. She noted how we all rely on volunteers. Glynis thanked Allhallows Ltd in particular Barry Moore and Mary Hansell; Mike Hansell and the logging team and those working in the Estate's woodland areas including Jane Gibson and other members of Chris Perrett's Environment team. She also thanked John Broome for organising the Beach Clean, Taylor Downing for editing The Rousdoner and all members of the ROAR Committee. In the Parish elections in May, three residents from the Estate became members of the Parish Council, Lynn Littler, Suzanne Bryan and Glynis herself.
Glynis also noted that two very active members of the community had sadly died in the last year, Mick Stride in November and John Rose in June. They will both be greatly missed.
Glynis also wanted to thank Roy and Jan Jones who have been such active members of ROAR and supporters of the community beyond the Estate, who are moving in a couple of months to be nearer to family in Hampshire.
Glynis thanked the two members of the ROAR Committee who were standing down, Sally Gardner and Freda Tate. Graham Mackrell was welcomed as a new member of the Committee. Jill Tollafield will now be Secretary. Taylor will act as Scribe.
The members approved all officers and members of the ROAR Committee.
(ii) Sylvia Stride summarised the Accounts which were circulated. ROAR's position is healthy. The Accounts were approved.
4. Estate Matters. Glynis reported there had been some major expenditure by Allhallows on re-surfacing the roads. She also reported that a group of Travellers had settled by the Estate for a few days but Allhallows had acted swiftly, the Police had been involved and the Travellers had moved on.
Glynis commented on how good the Memorial Garden was looking. She thanked Warwick Bergin for his work there. There were no other matters arising.
5. Anne Fleming reported on Environment and Wildlife matters by saying there had been a hiatus in terms of tree planting this year because Allhallows wanted to review the situation. Anne described as a positive development that Board member Chris Perrett had been appointed to look into Environment issues and he had set up an Environment Team consisting of Suzanne, Jane, Sally, Sylvia, Caroline McQater, Gill Meller, Jeremy Powell-Tuck and Anne herself. Firstly they would survey the flora and fauna of the Estate, the results of which would be published on the ROAR website.

This would help draw up priorities for action. Secondly, they would look to put groups together to remove unwanted weeds from the Estate Walks.
Anne also thanked Martin Healy for all the work he has put in over recent years in organising tree planting and in monitoring wildlife on the Estate. He was going to step back a little in the future.
There were no questions.

6. Social Activities. Glynis thanked Sylvia for hosting the Coronation Cream Teas event in her garden on a day blessed with warm sunshine. Sylvia thanked those who had baked for the event and helped on the day.
There had also been a couple of ROAR Skittles evenings and a Carols evening. Sylvia announced they would try to set up a new Social Activities Committee and hoped that new members would bring new ideas for new group activities.
David Tollafield asked if there would be a ROAR Christmas Dinner this year and Sylvia explained that interest had waned in the Dinner since Covid. Glynis suggested a survey on the website to gauge interest.
7. Taylor reported on The Rousdoner. He has been editing it for 13 years and has produced over 50 editions. He said while he was happy to continue as Editor he was always willing to let anyone else come forward with ideas for features, photographs or to edit an edition. He thanked Jan Jones for putting the What's On together for many years and said there was a great opportunity for someone new to take this on. Jill Tollafield said she would do this unless someone else was keen to come forward.
8. Glynis thanked Chris Perrett for his work on the ROAR website and reported there had been 854 visits to the site. She hoped there would be more next year as the website has several functions to appeal to Rousdoners including a Market Place page and stressed the importance of input from owners and residents.
9. AOB. Glynis reported that Nicky Collins had asked dog owners to keep their dogs under control and bearing in mind there was livestock on the Estate it was agreed this was important.
An issue had been raised about visitors to Holiday Lets leaving pets in their houses during hot weather and how this had caused distress to some animals. It was agreed that anyone owning a Holiday Let should bring this to their holiday makers' attention but it was difficult to see what else could be done by ROAR.
Alex Preshaw reported again that there was no right of way on the pathway to the south of the Walled Garden as it was privately owned by the owners of the properties inside the Garden. However, they were happy to allow residents and guests to use the path. But it would be closed on three Quarter Days: 25 March, 24 June and 29 Sept.
The 100 Club Draw was made. Winners are announced in The Rousdoner.
Glynis revealed that a new couple were opening a deli and coffee shop in the former garage outside the Estate and that an Estate photograph would be taken outside the Mansion House immediately after the meeting for the Rousdon Archive.

There being no other business the AGM closed at 11.45.