Rowney Gardens Residents Road Association (RGRRA)

Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday Oct 21st 2021 (via TEAMS)

Present:

Gary Halls (GH) 18

Andy Kimpton (AK) 15

Andrew Wincott (AW) 20

Lincoln Atkins (LA) 9

Eric Buckmaster (EB) 23

Apols:

Paul Ash (PA) 7

Agenda

1 - Agree notes of last mtg

2 - Reconcile payments against spreadsheet

3 - Tactics for approaching Nos 1-5

4 - Liaising with Centar re. programme of work

5 - Points tba: Kerbing - Humps - Signs – Barriers

6 - Great Crested Newts

7 - AOB

1. Minutes of 30 Sept meeting were approved
2. EB reported that the account now stood at 22 contributions received. AW reported that one other firm pledge had been received. R. Baker no27 has confirmed a contribution is being processed and gave an indication that no26 was likely as well as the two families had been liaising. Potentially there is now continuous support from the strip between 6-30.
3. No support has been forthcoming from 1-5 despite no3 promising to join. It was also noted that the houses in block from 1-5 had not deposited the earlier £50 contingency requested so were actually due to contribute £2955 each. It was agreed that 1-5 should be told that without their support the RGRRA proposed to progress with the scheme from -30 only. (AW) to draft two letters for committee approval and then circulation. 1-5 letter giving last chance to join. 6-30 letter informing owners that project would be reduced and asking for their approval to carry on with part road scheme. Both letters to go out once final confirmation received from all in strip 6-30.
4. (AK) liaise with Centar to seek a revised quote with adjusted scope of work excluding 1-5. Also to seek unit price for additional speed hump nr 30. (AW) to arrange a site visit w/c 25 Oct. Agreed that contract would need to be placed by 29 October ideally to enable mobilisation time for work.
5. Agreed to still keep kerbing within scope but investigate detail of installation. Speed humps positions are still dependent upon final scope of scheme. Enhanced signage agreed at both end of road (AW) to investigate options. Some discussion on a manual barrier at the South end although was agreed this would be deferred until road resurfacing was complete.
6. AW reported that after being notified of Great Crested Newt (CGN) habitat in Rowney Gardens he had consulted the Natural England website for direction on whether licencing would be required for works. Interpretation of guidance was that it would not be required as there was no construction or excavation other than the road surface itself. However has contacted TMO Consultants Ecologist who will undertake a brief desk survey based upon plans/photos and advise.
7. A potential funding gap was discussed. It is likely that if the contract scope is reduced to exclude 1-5 it will not deliver a proportional saving and therefore could increase the owner contributions required. As the project has a £3k contingency it was agreed to defer discussion until revised costs are known and/or final position of support from 1-5 is confirmed.