

RAPS AGM
Friday 29th April 2022, 7pm at Port House, Port Solent

MINUTES

Attendance: 43 (approx) members

Chair's welcome

The Chair, Chris Clark, welcomed the members. He introduced Committee members Angela Britton (Treasurer), Peter Lang and Olivia Firth (Membership). He announced that two meetings will take place. AGM will be followed by Special General Meeting to amend the Rules of the Association. Purdah convention (14/4 - 5/5) - special precaution on part of local authority to avoid influencing outcome of election - meant that no local councillors could attend the meeting: Cllr. George Madgwick was attending as a resident.

Apologies for absence

MP Penny Mordaunt, Richard and Carole Haigh, John and Joe Crooks, Tony Hewitt.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The Chair asked that the Minutes of the 2021 AGM (available on the RAPS website) be approved

Proposed: George Madgwick

Seconded: Marian Davies

Chair's Report

[The full text of the Chair's Report for 2022 is [available on the RAPS Website](#)]

To summarise the main points:

Portsmouth Local Plan 2038: <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/207.9-Local-plan-2021-document-FULL-ACCESSIBLE.pdf>, a framework for devising developments not announcing any specific initiatives. RAPS agreed with most

of the proposals (there are none with which it disagreed) but sought further clarification and some additions.

Tipner West, rebranded last year as Lennox Point, suspended pending re-assessment in 2022.

Rights Of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) and there was again nothing specific to Port Solent included. RAPS asked why the proposed new right of way for pedestrians and cyclists around the south side of the Country Park was excluded, to which the response was: “The country park and Tipner West were not included in this project as the way forward for these sites is still to be determined”.

RAPS monitors Your City Your Say pages of the City Council website <<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/your-say/>>

Resumption of quiz nights at the Port House in 2022, but only two held, one of which donated takings to the Trussell Trust.

Cowes Week Fireworks cruise re-scheduled for August 5th (see item 8).

Concerns about speeding along Port Way raised with City Council’s Safer Travel Team: funds for additional speed control measures are limited. Residents should keep up the initiative by reporting incidents of speeding to 101 or submitting a report online.

Assisted Portsmouth Tree Wardens at the D-Day memorial copse on the Port Solent field, replacing trees that had been damaged or died.

Re-introduction of membership cards and subsequent need to define membership in the Rules.

The Chair ended his Report by thanking the committee of five for their dedication and for agreeing to keep going for another year.

Membership Report

Membership secretary reported 57 paid memberships to date.

Membership cards are available and provide a clear way to identify the members.

John Wood inquired if RAPS has at least 10% of the residents in the residents association, which was confirmed to be the case.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that accounts have been straightforward this year. The report for 2022 is available on the RAPS [Website](#).

Election of Auditors

Pat Harvey was re-elected.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chair announced that he and Angela were willing to stand again as Chair and Treasurer respectively, as well Peter and Tony as committee members. The Chair asked the AGM to validate Olivia Firth as Membership Secretary:

Proposed: Marian Davies

Seconded: George Madgwick

AGM was in agreement for the other committee members to stand again and to be re-elected.

The Chair said that the Rules stipulate three-year terms. After nine years on the Committee, including three years as Chair, he was intending to step down at the next AGM.

The Rules also stipulate a Committee of seven but the Chair explained that technology had enabled the Committee to function effectively with less.

Social Events

The Chair reported that Malcolm Cronshaw's illness put his continuation as quiz master in doubt for next season: Stephen Paul from Portchester has offered to deputise. But there is added uncertainty about the availability of Port House in the future and the Committee is looking for alternative venues in Port Solent. The Chair encouraged AGM members to contribute with any suggestions for a potential venue.

Suggestion from AGM 2021 to organise theatre visits has not been developed further.

The Treasurer said that the postponed Cowes Week Fireworks cruise would take place on August 5th, 2022. 28 people have signed up so far. RAPS will organize a coach to take

people from Port Solent to Southampton to board the cruise at 18:00, arriving back in Southampton by 23:30 for return by coach. There is price increase for a glass of bubbly from 5 to 8 GBP otherwise price stayed the same at 50 GBP per person for the cruise including dinner on board.

Any Other Business

None

The Chair closed the AGM 2022 at 7.34pm.

Special General Meeting

The Chair proposed that an explanatory footnote be added to Clause 3 'Members' in the Rules of the Association:

Definition of "Member" and voting rights: For the avoidance of any misunderstanding and with particular regard to the process of voting at General Meetings full membership of RAPS is defined as a single household and has no equivalence to the number of persons who live therein.

The Chair clarified that in case of sublet/rented properties it is a person/tenant who lives in the property at the time - rather than the owner of the property - who will be entitled to vote and that if more than one resident is associated with the membership card then it will be up to them to determine who votes. In answer to a point raised by Peter Selley, the Chair said it was important to maintain the distinction between property management (e.g. POSOL) and the business of dealing with Portsmouth City Council on behalf of the residents.

AGM adopted the wording.

Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm