RARA
Riverside Avenue Residents Association

DRAFT Minutes for the meeting Wednesday 6 May 2026

		Action
1	**Apologies:** ZG	
2	**Present** DH, ET, EB, PS, LP, RdlM, MD, PD, MC	
3	**Minutes of previous meeting in March 26** Minutes were agreed and will be posted on the website	**PD/PS**
4	**Corrections and any matters arising from previous minutes that are not on the agenda.** There were no corrections or matters arising not on the agenda.	
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5	**RARA finance update**. **Financial Year ending 30 April 2026** **Key point:** • Collections for Road Fund Contributions from May 2025 to April 2026 - £6,900 • Defib Contributions as at April 2026 - £2,666.76 – expenses to date £1,743.60 – leaving £923.16 in the pot. • Expenses from May 2025 to April 2026 - £382.92 • Bank Balance held in the Current account - £1,995.24 (note, this includes the Defib Funds of £923.16) • Bank Balance held in Savings account - £26,845.38 (note, this includes £845.38 of interest earned to date) • Rada Juric (Linden Lea) has kindly offered to certify the accounts for this financial year **Overdue accounts:** • Balance owed as at 30 April 2026 - £7,150 – we continue to chase those that are not contributing and some houses pay by monthly instalments • We have 6 houses that are currently refusing to contribute – this makes up £4,860 of the outstanding contributions • The remainder of the outstanding contributions (£2,290), either pay by monthly instalments or choose to pay lump sums when work is carried out **New Financial year - May 2026 to April 2027** • All 2026 Statements are prepared and should be available for the AGM • The current account bank balance as 31 May is £3,446.81 and the balance held on Savings is £26,890.29 (of which £890.29 relates to interest earned to date)	**EB**
6	**No Left Turn update.** Enterprising locals have put up a temporary sign!! Herts CC are believed to be working on a replacement for the official sign. We'll continue to watch this space but we won't hold our breath.	
7	**Defibrillator update.** The defibrillator is up and running! Thanks to Thames Water for 'hosting' and to LP for pursuing this with them. ET & LP to liaise over registering it with emergency services. Only the defib 'checkers' will have the codes. LP will create a rota for the 'checkers'. DH will find out about marking defibrillators (so the defib can be easily returned after use). Avenue residents will be updated at the AGM Discussion about creating a 'thank you to the residents of Riverside Avenue and Thames Water ' sign (MC) with 'in emergency, please dial 999'. ET to find out about optional	**LP/ ET/ DH/ MC**

8	**Road surface update.** We have enough money saved for potential work next summer so planning needs to begin… informal survey first to identify priority areas. DH/MC to lead. Several of the worst bits of road surface are deteriorating further. We will prioritise the worst areas in early ’27 after assessing any further damage caused by the winter.	**DH/ MC**
9	**End of summer event (Saturday 5 September) planning.** Riverside Regatta potential theme. ZG to coordinate planning. PD proposed the idea of a duck race and will find out more!	**Z G / PD**
10	**Neighbourhood Watch** PS to create a new page on RARA website. Overwhelming support from residents.	**PS**
11	**AGM planning & paperwork approval** • draft minutes - agreed ready to send 2 weeks before the AGM • draft agenda - agreed ready to send • invitation - agreed ready to send • constitution - agreed ready to send • nomination form- agreed ready to send	**PD**
12	**Any other business.** There was no further business	

13	**Agree dates of future meetings** 🎉 Riverside Regatta planning meeting - Friday 17 July 26 3) AGM - Monday 22 June 26 - The Crown 🎉 Riverside Regatta - Saturday 5 September 26 4) Committee Meeting - Wednesday 14 October 26	