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**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on**  
**FRIDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2025, at HORNBEAMS**

Present: Trevor Sykes, Chairman      Steve Bull, Treasurer      Linda Bennett, Secretary  
 Nick Banks

		Action
1	<b>No Apologies</b>	
2	<b><u>Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025:</u></b> Minutes agreed and signed by Chairman.	
3	<b><u>Financial Situation:</u></b> Current Bank balance is £923.11	
4	<b><u>Quote for Greenery Pruning in Turning Area and opposite Limetree Mews:</u></b> This quote amounted to £1,116.00. In answer to a request for volunteers to carry out pruning we had received four offers. Due to the heatwave we postponed carrying out the work until early August. Nick offered to co-ordinate the team and it was suggested that the greenery at the top of the road is cut back half a metre.	<b>Residents Comm NB</b>
5	<b><u>Woodland adjacent to lower road:</u></b> We had asked SCC for advice on getting the trees and greenery pruned in the woodland abutting the lower part of Johns Rd, as previous requests to the owners had failed. We are still awaiting a response	<b>LB</b>
6	<p><b><u>Bridleway:</u></b> In January 2024 SCC received a complaint about a horse slipping on a small sloping section of Johns Road. The concrete surface of this section was in fact carried out about 30 years ago by a previous resident. Although we had met with SCC in August 2017, prior to JRRRA carrying out repairs to any of the road, and followed their advice by using ridged concrete, SCC agreed that no surface would stand up to the volume of traffic using Johns Road.</p> <p>Subsequently, SCC have said that our road surface is not horse friendly and needs either an adjoining horse friendly path or a strip of granite and tar down the middle of the road. A quote in 2024 for the granite strip was around £2,000.</p> <p>SCC have now asked to have a meeting with the JRRRA Comm. and it was agreed to ask him to come and view the road and for convenient dates. We will also ask how many complaints from horse riders they have received and are they all for the same section of road.</p> <p>Prior to being made a Bridleway we were an Unadopted Road and had no objection to horse riders using our road at their own risk. As SCC were unable to find the original owner of the road we therefore became a Private Road but were not given this information by SCC or told that we would be responsible for carrying out horse friendly repairs. We have asked SCC for the procedure to remove our Bridleway status and revert to horse riders using the road at their own risk.</p>	<p><b>Comm</b></p> <p><b>LB</b></p>

7	<p><b>JRRA Subscriptions:</b> In April 2025 we postponed asking residents for the 2025 subscriptions of £78 as we were still awaiting a response from SCC to our letter regarding the road surface. In order that our Bank balance can cope with any future road works and deterioration in the road surface etc it was felt that a subscription of £50 per household would be appropriate. This will take us up to April 2026 when the next annual subscription will be reviewed. Payment of subscriptions can be made in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- £50 payment by cheque payable to JRRA, sent to Treasurer, Steve Bull, at No.18 Johns Road.</li> <li>- £50 payment to the JRRA Bank Account at Lloyds Bank 30-99-50 32951260 Please quote your name/house in case we need to contact you and so we can identify your payment.</li> <li>- £5.50 by monthly Standing Order to above account. Please quote your name/house in case we need to contact you.</li> </ul>	<b>RESIDENTS</b>
8	<p><b>New Residents:</b> The number of new households in Johns Road and adjoining Ninehams Road keeps rising and we now welcome our ninth new residents, Alex and Joanne, at Matopos. We hope they will enjoy living in Tatsfield and Johns Road.</p>	
9	<p><b>New Committee members:</b> Our JRRA Committee dropped by two members at our last AGM and Trevor, our Chairman for the past three years, now needs to reduce his commitments and wishes to leave the Committee within the next month. Nick has offered to be Acting Chairman for the time being.</p> <p>Having only three members on the Committee is not a viable proposition and since its inception in 2016 the Committee has comprised of 6 members. Therefore, we would like to welcome some new members onto the Committee and if you would like to join us please either reply to the e-mail address at the top of these Minutes, or speak to a member of the Committee above.</p>	<b>Residents Committee</b>
10	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b> None</p>	
11	<p><b>Date of next Committee Meeting:</b> To be arranged following our meeting with SCC</p>	<b>Comm</b>
	Meeting ended 8.30pm.	

If you would like Minutes, Neighbourhood Watch, and other Johns Road information sent via e-mail, and you have not yet given us your e-mail address, please let us know. Don't forget you can always check on previous Minutes and associated documents on the JRRA website - either on the Home Page for recent meeting Minutes or on the Meeting Minutes page for historical ones.

As we now have residents with young children, residents with infirmities, and an increase in dog walkers using our road, if anyone sees a vehicle using the road dangerously or inconsiderately please let us know the name of the Company, registration no., date and time, and we will contact the Company concerned.