

Arbury Road East Residents 'Association AGM

12th February 2025

Arbury Baptist Church Hall

1. Welcome and Introduction by ARERA Chair, Rosalind Lund:

RL thanked everyone for coming, also thanked the Committee, plus co-opted Belinda Jones, for their hard work, with special thanks to our webmaster Osman without whose skills and support our association would struggle.

2. Approval of the minutes of previous AGM, 2023:

Minutes approved.

3. Chair's Annual Report:

RL reported on the different matters covered by and actions undertaken by ARERA since the last AGM. She detailed the work done by the Committee in keeping ARERA members and all other residents informed, through emails and with hand-delivered circulars.

The main matters covered were

- (a) the Milton Road Area Residents Parking Scheme - see full report below, at 5.
- (b) ARERA's attempt to get a Zebra crossing for the east end of Arbury Road, to increase pedestrian safety; Camcycle, especially Josh, helped with technical advice. This failed due to Council insistence on a raised crossing which is very expensive, and so unaffordable.
- (c) Road Hierarchy Review – progress on this issue is still awaited, no news yet.
- (d) Speeding and traffic: ARERA is pushing for clear/repainted 20MPH signs on the road plus bicycle signs, as used elsewhere in the city/environs, to increase awareness of motorists that this is a priority cycle route, to hopefully decrease speeding, to increase safety for cyclist and so for pedestrians.
- (e) Potholes! RL alerted residents that everyone can help with them - that potholes can/should be checked on the Council's Pothole site, and potholes not recorded there should be reported.
- (f) ARERA Constitution: the Committee will be reviewing, updating this, if necessary, over the coming year, and will bring any proposed changes to the next AGM for approval.

See full 2025 report on ARERA website.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Simon Crisp, Treasurer, reported on ARERA's finances/accounts. .

He reminded those present that ARERA depends on its members' £5 pa membership fee (non-obligatory) and asked those who wished to pay to email ARERA from the website for bank account details.

See the full Treasurer's Report on ARERA website.

5. Update on the (imminent) Residents Parking Scheme:

Ian Cooper, Committee Secretary, reported, with slides to illustrate, the history of the Parking scheme that is to be imposed on residents this year, and on ARERA's actions to communicate both with the various bodies concerned and with residents as the scheme was proposed, changed then adopted.

- a) He reported that the Greater Cambridge Partnership changed the boundary to the scheme, its final model being the one that divides Arbury Road East excluding the north side of the road from the scheme. He noted that GCP deny making any changes, and that as GCP is unelected, it appears to have no need to answer to Cambridge's councillors, and its decision-making is therefore undemocratic.
- b) It seems likely that the scheme will start to be put in place this coming Ma, with implementation finished by the end of 2025.
- b) ARERA has pressing for an independent review of the Residents' parking Scheme in place so that residents/anyone can comment on the 6 month trial period and that there will be an independent review of the scheme/how it works or doesn't.
- c) IC pointed out that the Traffic Regulation Order created to allow the scheme is a Permanent TRO, not temporary as might have been expected. As a result, should changes be required the TRO will have to be revoked and a completely new one created.
- d) Shaun Larcomb, resident of the north side of Arbury Road, made the following proposal, which the meeting voted unanimously to support:

ARERA strongly opposes the arbitrary and unfair exclusion of northside residents from the Milton Road Area Parking Scheme and will work with determination to have them included.

6. Slideshow of road traffic markings:

Slides* were shown to show both what road markings can be - clear speed signing and bicycle images repeated at reasonable intervals as eg at Coton, and how abysmal Arbury Road East's road signage is in comparison with other roads that join Milton Road e.g., Hurst Park Avenue, Ascham Road. The new crossing at the Arbury Road junction to Milton Road was compared - unfavourably! - to that on Kings Hedges Road (all bells and whistles).

Ian Cooper raised the question these slides begged: Why is Arbury Road East treated so differently/badly?

*Photos from Simon Crisp and Graham Edgeley.

7. Surveys:

The surveys circulated with the ARERA notification of the AGM were collected from attendees and will be duly analysed with a report on the results placed on ARERA's website and delivered by leaflet to all households within ARERA's catchment area.

8. CamCycle Report:

Josh from CamCycle gave a report on the work CamCycle does with communities, highlighting Milton and Mill Road in particular and the lessons Arbury Road east might take from it. He suggested that, if the survey identified a shared vision for what should be done on Arbury Road east, and if this aligned with CamCycle's objective, he would be willing to work with stakeholder groups to draw up an implementation plan like the one developed with Milton parish council.

9. Election of new Committee members:

Four new committee members were proposed prior to the meeting. All these were duly seconded and welcomed by the chair to join the committee at its next meeting...

They are

Ray Butler
Maggie Fernie
John Hutton
Shaun Larcom.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next committee meeting is to be decided via email.

11. AOB

Lucy Edgeley 13th February 2025