



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**10 MAY 2019**

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7:30 pm**

### **MINUTES**

The Chairman, Bob Trott, welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Councillor Mike Botting, and PC Phillip Bradley.

The Chair mentioned a number of changes. Trustees are struggling to understand and comply with all the CIO requirements. Resignations causing a lot of problems. First full year of the CIO. Only two Trustees and need three as a minimum. Need a treasurer. Clarification – Village Society remains as a Committee. Building owned by the charity rather than the Trustees – save on notifying Land Registry every time the Trustees changed. Retained two accounts.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Samaris Huntington-Thresher and Angela Page, Kim Botting, Tony & Jill Collins

#### **2. MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 11 MAY 2018**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 11 May 2018 had been posted on the website and copies were available at the meeting. Agreement of the minutes as a true record was proposed by Elizabeth Downie and seconded by Barrie Newman and the meeting **AGREED** them unanimously, after a couple of minor amendments.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were none. Bob Trott has not moved away so is continuing as a Trustee until there are sufficient Trustees.

#### **4. TREASURERS' REPORT**

The accounts had not been finalised due to the resignation of the Treasurer, Chris Arnold, who had also resigned as a Trustee. The Secretary, Margot Rohan, had prepared the year's accounts from the paperwork records and the accounts were to be finalised and audited by the end of May.

The Chair explained that the Accounts of the charity are agreed by the Trustees.

The Treasurer's report was read out by the Chair. (see attached).

Barrie Newman asked about the exterior painting. B&Q has provided white paint free of charge.

## 5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair's report is on the website.

## 6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Village Society Committee**

The report is on the website.

Eleanor Pardoe explained that the Committee wants to ensure the charity better meet the needs of the community. The new logo will improve understanding of the charity's purpose. The logo winner will be announced in the next newsletter, at forthcoming events and on the website.

- **Events Committee**

The report is on the website.

Janet Stacey mentioned the very successful events which have been held this year: 2 quiz evenings, the Christmas raffle, cream tea and two curry evenings at Village Cuisine. The one table top sale was not well attended and will not be repeated. There was a litter pick on the Green in April, where over 30 bags of rubbish were collected in just over an hour. There will be another one in June.

- **Membership update**

This year 526 members were paid up at this point. Janet stressed that Road Contacts play a vital part in collecting subscriptions, signing up new members and delivering the newsletters.

However, a number of roads no longer have Road Contacts e.g. Linslade Road, on the Lakes Estate, Lezayre Road and this is contributing to membership numbers dwindling from year to year.

There was a break at 8:10pm to allow members to complete nomination forms for the Committees.

## 7. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES**

### **Village Society Committee**

The following Committee members agreed to stand for re-election:

- Chris Arnold (*resigned shortly after the AGM*)
- Kim Botting
- Elizabeth Downie
- Tamara Galloway
- Eleanor Pardoe

Proposed en bloc by Tony Bradley and seconded by Brenda Newman. Re-appointment was agreed by the majority of attendees.

The following Committee members were also elected from nominations received:

- Athena Vassie
- Jennie Engbarth

Proposed by Ken Bullen, seconded by Brenda Newman and agreed by the majority of members.

As there were not enough nominees for Events Committee, it was decided that the Village Society Committee will cover the organisation of events for the time being

Honorary Auditor: Stephen Gates was on holiday so will need to confirm that he is agreeable to being re-elected.

## 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN FORUM**

Councillor Mike Botting covered some points:

Waitrose wall – The Council has denied that an enforcement order was put in. However, minutes of the last AGM mentioned that Cllr Keith Onslow had told us that.

Fix my Street gets immediate action. Residents can follow the trail and ensure things are done.

Tony Bradley, Honorary President, raised the issue that Superior Drive double yellow lines had not been put in and cars had parked dangerously. However, when he reported it on Fix my Street it was very quickly actioned.

Another resident mentioned that the double yellow lines by the flats in the slip road were causing problems.

A resident of Warren Road pointed out that the double yellow lines on the corner of Warren Road are ignored. No one ever seems to be reported. Cllr Mike Botting mentioned Parking Enforcement to which parking problems can be reported online. We agreed to put a link on the home page of the website.

R11 buses parking in twos at end of high street – should not do it but pure laziness. Bus drivers can use Shell garage toilet. Cllr Botting to arrange a meeting with EIs at the Bus garage again.

Jean Garelick – posts around the Green. Cllr Botting explained that plans are afoot to continue posts so that travellers will not be able to access the Green in future. Legislation in the pipeline to prevent travellers parking on any open space/common land??? High court injunction which allows Council to go round and give them hours to move – if they don't then bailiffs are sent in.

Toilets – what happening with old toilets? Skip been there for 2 months. Cllr Botting to follow up.

Ken Bullen – foliage obscuring light??

PC Bradley stated that there are no major issues in GSG which need to be reported.

One member tentatively came forward and may possibly take over as treasurer.

The Meeting closed at 9pm, followed by refreshments.