

Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Limited

Minutes of 42nd Annual General Meeting held at the Bear of Rodborough on Monday 12th June 2017, commencing at 8pm

Mr. Hopkins was in the chair and opened the meeting by welcoming Members representing 16 households. The Secretary confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from 3 Members and 9 proxies been given.

2. Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting held on 13th June 2016

The Chairman stated that the minutes from the previous AGM had been circulated together with the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2017. On the proposition and seconding of Mr. Whittaker and Mr Smith respectively the minutes were unanimously accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the previous Annual General Meeting

All matters arising had been dealt with during the year.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary stated that his report had been circulated with the notice of the AGM prior to the meeting. There were no comments from the meeting and his report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Whittaker thanked the Secretary for all his work over the year

5. Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Treasurer the Chairman commented that our reserves had remained similar to that of the previous year due to the spend on relaying the surface water drain between properties 24 and 30.

We had received interest on our Aldermore account on which we have had to pay corporation tax.

Thanks went to Jane for all the work as our Treasurer.

6. Annual Maintenance Fee

The Chairman explained that 5 years ago we drew up a budget to create a reserve fund of £100k over a 10 year period for future major expenditure. We were ahead of the budget at the end of last year but the expenditure on the repair of surface water drain brought our funds back on target.

Mrs Phillips enquired about the condition of part of our roads and the Chairman informed her that we would spend the part of the budget for any necessary work as required.

Your Council therefore recommended that the maintenance fee remained at £220 and providing we can continue to meet our targets, as we have for the past few years, it should remain at that figure for the foreseeable future. On the proposal by Mr. Whitaker and seconding by Mrs. Phillips, the maintenance fee will remain at £220

7. Appointment of Accountants for 2017/18

On the proposition of Mr. Clements and seconding by Mrs. Hanks, Messrs Kingscott-Dix were re-appointed as our Accountants for the ensuing year.

8. Election of Council for 2017/18

The Secretary stated that the current council were willing to continue for another year. There was still one position available on the council and Mrs Naumann, one of our new residents, said that she would be happy to fill that post. Therefore the following appointments were confirmed:

Secretary – Mr. Clements (59)

Treasurer – Mrs. Stevens (51)

Council Members – Mr. Hopkins (85), Mr Eyles (23), Mr. Richards (83), Mr. Smith (1) and Mr. Kilmister (46), Mrs. Naumann (21)

The Chairman thanked all Council members and in particular Mrs Stevens and Messrs Eyles, Richards and Clements for all the work that they had carried out during the year.

On the proposal by Mrs Bennett and seconding by Mrs. Lane the new Council were elected.

9. Neighbourhood Watch

In the absence of Mr. Kilmister the Secretary reported that last year had been very quiet and long may it continue. Residents appreciated all the emails that Mr. Kilmister had issued keeping them informed

10. Any other Business

Mrs Bennett mentioned that the problem with overhanging shrubs and trees on our roads especially at the lower part of the Park. The Secretary stated that he always brought up the topic in the Newsletter following the AGM but would reinforce the topic again during the year.

Mrs Bennett was also concerned about inconsiderate parking around the Park especially by traders visiting properties where work was being carried out.

Mr Whittaker mentioned the nuisance of “boom boxes” being used by builders working on houses in the Park. The Secretary was asked to mention this when discussing planning applications

The annual BBQ is planned for 2nd July

The meeting closed at 8.44 with thanks to all who attended