

Barkham Village Residents Association

Minutes of the 32nd AGM

8pm, Thursday 7th November 2019

Present: Suzanne Trigg, Richard Roberts, Alan Dixon, Ian Overton, Jim Butler (representing the Social Committee), Dave Clements

Three members of the public were in attendance – Alan Edwards, Bernie Hicks and June Hicks

Apologies: Stewart Richardson, Gill Powell.

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1	Previous minutes AD welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the 31 st AGM were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by RR and seconded by DC	
1	Treasurer: IO presented his report (attached). He stated that we had achieved a swing (over the the previous year) of £1,026. This was achieved as a result of the the BPC grant, lower printing costs, a small increase in advertising costs and a small increase in profits from events. Membership subs were down. In conclusion for an organisation of our size and nature we were in a sound financial position. The accounts were adopted. Proposed by AD seconded by DC. Selection of auditor: Steve Deveson was nominated. Proposed by IO and seconded by RR.	
4	Membership Secretary: AD presented the Membership report (attached) due to the fact that we currently have a vacancy. AD stated that the numbers of paid members had reduced from 667 to 616. This was a small concern and needed to be addressed with a concerted membership drive in the spring. A key to this is to find a new Membership secretary and get them up to speed as soon as possible. All committee members and the public to help find someone. AD thanked all of the distributors and wholesalers for their ongoing work in getting the newsletter out to the residents	All
5	Newsletter: ST presented her report (attached). Main focus was to make the Newsletter more appealing to wider group of residents. With this in mind there will be some tweaks and additional features over the upcoming editions. ST said that she would work on moving the Newsletter publication dates forward by a small amount.	
6	Web Master: DC presented his report (attached) highlighting that with Bob Bishop's continued support the website server has been upgraded. A data base has been developed to replace the excel spreadsheets originally used for the membership records. This means that the data is securely located and available to multiple authorised users. There was continued and increasing use of development watch alerts.	

7	<p>Social: JB presented the Social Committee's Report (attached). This highlighted the success of the traditional social events throughout the year. The new summer event, Picnic in the Park was not well attended despite being on a hot sunny day. As a consequence, we will re-think a summer family orientated event for next year. AD will discuss with the Social Committee early in 2020. The audience suggested that we look at a May Fayre type event with Barkham Ladies.</p>	<p>Action AD Social team</p>
8	<p>Development watch: AD presented SR's report (attached). The prime source of development watch reports was the potential development activity in The Coombes and this, it is felt, will continue. One of the plots is being lived upon and has been for most of the year. This is despite a high court injunction against them.</p>	
9	<p>Chairman's Report. AD presented his report. In summary there have been a number of changes in committee members over the last 12 months. SR stood down as Newsletter Editor and has been replaced by Suzanne Trigg. JB has retired as membership secretary and his replacement unfortunately only lasted just over a month before stepping down. IO has also retired having produced his last annual accounts at this meeting. AD thanked Stewart, Jim and Ian for their service over many years. Finding a Treasurer and Distribution Secretary was the committee's top priority. The chairman also referenced the sad death of Pam Edwards and the work that she had done both as a founder of the BVRA and latterly as secretary. The chairman thanked all of the committee for their work over the year. He also thanked the Social committee for making the social events a big success. It is only through a dedicated team of volunteers that we can make this work.</p>	
10	<p>Election of officers: There were no volunteers for the Membership Secretary and Treasurer. Richard Roberts volunteered for the Secretary role. This was proposed by IO and seconded by AD.</p>	
11	<p>Any Other Business: The audience suggested using Next-Door to promote BVRA activities.</p>	<p>AD to investigate</p>
12	<p>Dates of next meeting: This would normally be 5th November but given the date we need to shift this. RR in his new role will come up with a date and book the Village Hall.</p>	<p>RR</p>