



Warblington and Denvilles Residents' Association

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 6 May 2016, 7.30-8.45pm, Main Hall, Warblington School

Attendance: 44 members attended

The Honorary Secretary (in the chair for the AGM) welcomed the members and guests, especially the guest speaker, the Head of the Havant and East Hampshire Fire Service, Malcolm Freemantle; the MP for Havant, Alan Mak, Councillor Jackie Branson and the Head Teacher of Warblington School, Julia Vincent.

1 Apologies for absence

John Bullen; Karen and Tim Cooper; Michael and Teresa Flowers; Peter Matthews; Rosemary Ravenscroft

2 Minutes of the last AGM: Friday 15 May 2015

Approved: **proposed by John Gawley and seconded by Jackie Branson.**

3 Matters arising

3.1 There were no matters arising

4 Annual Association report

4.1 The Honorary Secretary presented the annual report (as detailed in the published version on the WDRA web site). The membership of the Association stood at a total of 368 households) and 677 individual members with renewals and membership queries continuing to arrive, following recent membership campaigns.

4.2 Accounts

The Treasurer presented the accounts, which had been distributed in advance of the meeting. The meeting approved the accounts. The Association had received £235 as compensation from the bank for incorrectly charged tax. Following the abolition of the bank's 'bonus saver account': the Committee had agreed to move the bulk of the deposits to the Bath Building Society, thereby increasing the deposit interest rate from 0.05% to 1.05%. The Committee continued maintain a contingency reserve in case of any requirement for major expenditure. The Committee had agreed to pay for the public celebration of the opening of the Stride Community Centre and of the 90th birthday of HM The Queen. Bearing in mind the continuing gentle increase in the Net Assets, no increase to the subscription fee had been proposed. The option of subscription payment by standing order had been introduced (with a take-up rate of 18% so far).

Proposed by John Gawley and seconded by Jackie Branson

5 Election of the officers of the Association

5.1 The AGM unanimously elected the following as officers for 2016/17:

Chair	Dave Dowland (also continuing with the role of Secretary) appointment)
Murray Boaz	Transport Officer and Treasurer
Virginia Lawes	Membership Secretary
Ian Crabtree	Editor

Andrew Norton
Members without portfolio

Planning Officer
Sue Marlow; John Bullen;; Pauline and David Armstrong;
Jan Jenkins

Proposed by John Gawley and seconded by Jackie Branson

- 5.2 The meeting welcomed the news that Kay Chessell had accepted an Honorary Life Membership of the Association in recognition of the service that she and Keith Chessell had given WDRA over many years.
- 5.3 The Chairman thanked Ann Jones, who was standing down as Area Representative, for her service to the Association over many years.
- 5.4 The Chairman thanked Chris Palmer, Janet Kilmister, Richard Harrison and Brian Swan for supporting the recent membership campaigns and all the ad hoc helpers who supported the Association's work from time to time.
- 6 **Any Other Business**
- 6.1 There was no other business
- 7 **Guest presentations**
- 7.1 Alan Mak MP addressed the meeting; referring to a series of positive developments in the district.
- 7.2 The meeting received a presentation from the Head of the Havant and East Hampshire Fire Service, Malcolm Freemantle.
- 7.3 The meeting closed at 8.45pm. The evening concluded with an informal drinks reception.