



Beeches Community Group

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Wednesday, 31 October 2018 at 7 pm at the
Golden Farm Inn**

Present: Lynn Hilditch (Chairman), Malcolm Lewis (Resigning Deputy Chairman), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary and Treasurer), Peter Braidwood, Ros Lewis, Jackie & Richard Paige, Peter Durnley, Val and Cliff Sloman, Keith Handley (NW) and Cllr Nigel Robbins.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Secretary gave apologies from Cllr Stuart Tarr (CTC) and Becky Coles (CTC)

2. Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2017

Proposed by Peter Braidwood and Seconded by Malcolm Lewis

Unanimously approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda

None

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the FaceBook page and website are updated with local information on a regular basis. Neighbourhood Watch alerts are now forwarded via the FB page which is now followed by 80 people. Only 1 query has been received from the public this year – request for a grit bin on Corinium Via which had been resolved very quickly by Cllr Stuart Tarr and CTC.

5. Finance Report including Review of Assets and Disposal of Candy Floss Machine

The Treasurer reported that there is £118 in the account.

Members' attention was drawn to the Assets Register (attached) and explained that the value of most of the equipment held has now been reduced to zero. It was noted that the Gazebos are being stored by Roly Hughes (Chesterton) and at the Golden Farm Inn. It was agreed that the Chairman would collect and temporarily store the gazebos while they were offered to Watermoor Community Group with the proviso that the Beeches Group could use them as and when required. The Candy Floss machine would also be offered with the same agreement.

Cllr Nigel Robbins requested the use of some of the gazebos for the Remembrance event on 11 November which was agreed.

6. Election of Chairman – To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2019

Lynn Hilditch was Proposed by Peter Braidwood and Seconded by Val Sloman and unanimously elected Chairman.

7. Election of Officers:

Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary - To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2019

Malcolm Lewis resigned as Vice Chairman as he no longer lives in Beeches Ward. It was unanimously agreed that there is no longer any need for the post.

Caroline Braidwood was Proposed by Ros Lewis and Seconded by Richard Paige and unanimously elected Secretary and Treasurer.

8. Reports from the Group - None

Police, Town, District and County Councillors' Reports

Clr Nigel Robbins

- **Archery Road Hawthorn trees**

One fell against telephone lines and another is about to fall. It is believed that they are the responsibility of CDC and that they will carry out the necessary work. An additional grit bin is being supplied for Corinium Via.

- **Gloucestershire Highways contract** will be let to Tarmac who are already working in Worcestershire and Wiltshire which may provide better working in Gloucestershire.

Minor works will now have to wait until next year. Ringway is still responsible for re-surfacing.

- **Defibrillator** - CDC is offering £500 towards the cost of new defibrillators and Clr Robbins asked for a suitable location and if the Group would be able to find the remainder of the funding. The Secretary advised that Cotsway Housing Association had offered funding for a community project and would pass on contact details.

Action:CB

- **Master Plan for Market Place** – Has been passed to Gloucestershire Highways.

- **Cirencester Neighbourhood Development Plan** – The Town Council has agreed to proceed and will be consulting the Group in the future.

Keith Handley – Neighbourhood Watch

- Flyers have been delivered in Pembroke Park but no one has come forward.
- Community Alerts have replaced Watchword
- Horse tack taken during Stow Fair was found in Worcestershire.
- Keith would provide the details for Community Alerts for posting on FB and website.

Speedwatch

Burford Road residents are still concerned about speeding. It is a long straight road and speeding likely to increase with further development in the town but one of the authorities seem to care about speeding. In addition, pollution will increase with the increase in traffic. Recent monitoring has shown that 81% of cars are speeding going out of town on the Burford Road, a significant number of drivers are doing 30-40 mph and some are doing 70-80 mph.

It was reported that the number of traffic police should improve in the near future and that a group are already working with residents in Bristol.

Keith explained that there had been a problem with the lack of 30 mph repeater signs on Burford Road but that this may soon be resolved.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date and Time of Future Meetings

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 20:05