



# Beeches Community Group

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 November 2019 at 7 pm at the Golden Farm Inn**

**Present:** Lynn Hilditch (Chairman), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary and Treasurer), Peter Braidwood, PC Richard Webb (Gloucestershire Police), Cathy Michaels (Bromford), Danni Bunney (Bromford), Kate Caudall (Bromford), Ann and Chris Thomas and Mike Jupp.

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chairman welcomed everyone present and received apologies from Keith Handley (Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator). She added that the Committee were hopeful that some of the Town Councillors could have been in attendance.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>To Approve the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 31 October 2018</b> Correction: Speedwatch - but 'one' of the authorities seem to care about speeding was change to but 'none' of the authorities seem to care about speeding.</p> <p>The Minutes were then Proposed by Peter Braidwood and Seconded by Malcolm Lewis and unanimously approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda</b> <b>Mike Jupp</b> raised : Location of the gazebos – it was confirmed that they are in store will Cllr Roly Hughes Why was the Vice Chair post abolished, contrary to the Terms of Reference – the Chair confirmed that no one had come forward and the work of the Group had decreased so that the post was no longer required.</p> <p>Mr &amp; Mrs Thomas raised: <b>The area to the rear of Watermoor Primary School locally known as the Windmills</b> – a significant part of it has been churned up ready for sowing to create a wild flower meadow. This leaves no open spaces for people to walk and specifically to walk their dogs. In addition, the grass cuttings have been dumped in the corner of the field and children have spread the cuttings around and into the pond. <b>Children's Play Area</b> – there is still no play area for children on the Beeches estates. <b>Top Path on Railway line (bordering Pheasant &amp; Partridge Ways and Golden Farm Road</b> – the stretch between Pheasant Way and Kingshill School was resurfaced with the help of local residents a couple of years ago. However, the length between Pheasant Way and Golden Farm Road bridge remains in a very poor condition and requires work. It was agreed to take these matters up with the Town Council.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Out-Going Chairman's Report</b> See Attached</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Finance Report (Attached)</b> The Treasurer advises that there is £119.81 in the bank account which has not change since December 2017.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Election of Chairman – To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2020</b> No Nominations were received and there is no one to fill the vacancy.</p>

7.	<p><b>Election of Officers:</b>  <b>Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary - To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2020</b>          No Nominations were received and there is no one to fill the vacancies.</p> <p><b>In the circumstances it was agreed to hand all records and funds to the Town Council in the hopes that local Councillors can find people to continue the Group. The Facebook page and website would be closed before the end of the year.</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Reports from the Group</b>          None</p>
9.	<p><b>Police, Town, District and County Councillors' Reports</b>  <b>PC Richard Webb - Local beat officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are now 2 + PCSOs covering Cirencester which is more than any other town in Gloucestershire.</li> <li>• During the past year 20 crimes have been committed (covering all categories).</li> <li>• A Drug warrant has been issued for a premises in Arnolds Way. The Closure order (1 of 2 this year) will last until after Christmas. The addresses of drug related crimes will be published if convictions are obtained.</li> <li>• The team are working with Housing Associations to re-house problem tenants in order to break lifestyles and they also go into local schools on a regular basis.</li> <li>• There are still some drugs issues at Kingshill School and shoplifting at Haresbush Co-op.</li> <li>• Good intelligence helps to develop a picture and then offenders can be targeted.</li> <li>• Number of burglaries are down in the Cotswolds but are becoming more aggravated.</li> <li>• There has been a recent spate of theft of catalytic converters resulting in one arrest.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bromfords Housing Association</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements have been made for better Involvement with customer and communities.</li> <li>• Better relations are creating better outcomes when dealing with issues.</li> <li>• Patterson Road redevelopment is well on the way and the previous tenants have already been re-housed. The new development should be completed Feb – March 2020.</li> <li>• It was noted that the new houses appear bigger than the surrounding properties and the roof line higher, but it was clarified that some are flats.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b>          Mike Jupp asked for it to be recorded that when Kingshill Meadow was built, he was misled by GCC regarding the number of buses that would use the bus gate.</p>
11.	<p><b>Date and Time of Future Meetings</b>          To be advised</p>

**The meeting closed at 20.00**