

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Friday 15th April 2016

1. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed around 50 members to the AGM which followed a meeting to discuss the Little Leigh development.

2. Apologies.

Geoff and Jill King, Rosalind Prowse, Jean Partridge, George and Fiona Rock-Evans, Lin Watson, Carol Chambers, Brian and Jane Pearce and Sonia Wilson.

3. Minutes of the AGM 17th April 2015.

The minutes of the previous AGM were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed John Watson, Seconded Dave Beavis.

4. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's report.

The Chairman's report was available in full on the village website. There were no comments on the report.

6. Presentation of accounts.

Copies of the accounts were available which had been examined by Ross Biddle. They were also available on the website. There had been a small deficit for the year of £41 as the Association had made increased donations during the year, for example to the new established Card and Craft Club. The Treasurer mentioned that further donations would be considered if new or existing groups needed funding for specific purposes. Overall, the bank balance remained healthy at nearly £4k although a £1k of this was allocated to the bowls section and for use for the next Arts & Crafts Exhibition. The accounts were approved.

7. Appointment of financial examiner.

Ross Biddle was willing to examine the accounts again in the coming year. The appointment was approved and thanks were expressed for his work.

8. Election of committee for the coming year.

All existing committee members were willing to continue (John Bromley, Andy Watson, John and Janet Evans, Alan Partridge, Dave Dawson, Dave Beavis and David Molyneux). No further nominations had been received. These were proposed and elected en bloc. It was mentioned that further committee members could be co-opted

on and this would be encouraged given we were down to the minimum number permitted under the constitution.

9. Questions and comments by members.

A member asked if there could be more dog poo bins around the village, in particular near Strawberry Lane. There was a feeling that there was a bin in the location but the Association would check.

The recent application at Bronzerock, for an extension to the internal road, was raised. The Association had already commented on the application to ensure that no actual development would take place on the adjoining field. In the absence of a detailed plan, we had also mentioned that there could be amenity issues and that drainage for the new road should be considered.

The poor state of the hedgerows, verges, gullies and weeds encroaching on paths was highlighted. In particular, the hedge / trees along Holcombe Road, lower down from the church, was particularly overgrown. The question of forming working parties to deal with these issues was discussed if Devon County Council was cutting back on such expenditure. A member also stated that she had reported the poor state of a footpath on the main road on health and safety grounds to DCC but had not received a response and no action had been taken.

It was thought that hedgerows were the responsibility of the relevant landowner and that there were potential liability and insurance issues if individuals got involved. However, the Association agreed to look into this matter further including DCC's procedures for responding to issues when they are raised.

On a related issue, it was mentioned that the Gardening Society could find a small amount of money if funds were needed for planting that would improve the village scene.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed

Date