



**Minutes of 2015 AGM held on Tuesday 23rd July 2015
in the Village Hall library at 8pm**

Present: John Pomfret (JP), Eric Baker (EB), Alison Baker, Terry & Denise Waddleton, (TW & DW), Bob Faxon, Sue Rollason-Faxon, Janet Hutchinson, Liz Fraser(LF), Terry Tatham(TT), Christine Sanderson, Alice Wren, Peter Morgan, Lynn & Andy Wenham (LW & AW), Clare Sabin

Apologies: Chris Grossart, Liz Jones, David Thrower, Chris & Hallam Congreve, Chris Whitby.

Approval of Minutes of AGM 1st July 2014

Proposed by DW, seconded by JP, the minutes of the meeting of 1st July 2014 were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising

Following communication with the Parish Council Cllr Peter Morgan has agreed to act as its liaison person with the association.

Chairman's Report

Standing in as Chairman EB looked back at the year since the last AGM. In addition to the tried and tested events a new event, a tabletop sale, was held with some success but also room for improvement. In addition the association supported the village pocket park open day with a boules pitch and publicity stand. The year ended with its major event, the visit by Q-V in May, which was, according to all reports received, a resounding and thoroughly enjoyable success.

EB commented on the large number of members who had supported the organisation by getting involved in events by moving furniture, manning stalls, baking cakes, providing prizes, helping with the catering, setting-up, cleaning-up, preparing posters etc etc etc and expressed the thanks of the committee to all those involved. While virtually everyone had given time to support association EB felt it important to single out three people for additional thanks because, as well as providing support at events, they had also organised activities. The 3 were Alice Wren who organised the Christmas Dinner, Denise Waddleton who organised the catering and ran the kitchen at events and Christine Sanderson who organised the Q-V visit and led the visit committee.

Looking forward EB commented that while the year as a whole had been both enjoyable and successful the association's future could not be taken for granted. After 30 active years the association member's average age was increasing due to the lack of new members being attracted. Addressing this problem would be the major challenge for the association in the coming months and years.

Finance report

JP tabled the association's finance report - see appendix 1.

JP reported that the association maintained two bank accounts – a current account with cheque book and a savings account called the reserve account. The reserve account was an historic legacy surviving from the time when savings accounts offered interest while current accounts did not. Since the reserve account no longer yields interest he proposed closing it and transferring the funds to the current account where they could easily be accessed if necessary. This proposal was agreed.

AW spoke of the possibility of funding for the association's activities being available at county level. After discussion it was concluded that a project for which funding could be sought would need to be framed, against which an application could be made. Once a project was prepared it could then be submitted to the Parish Council through PM. AW agreed to investigate what sort of projects might be supported. It was also suggested that we should contact other local associations to see what might be learned or shared.

Proposed by TT and seconded by JH the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

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Nominations for, and election of, Officers.

EB reported that since the resignation of the last Chairman at the 2014 AGM and, in the absence of any one prepared to stand at that time, the post of Chairman was vacant. He also reported that he had received no nominations this year either.

After some discussion Christine Sanderson and Clare Sabin offered to stand if they could share the post as Co-Chairs. Proposed by TT, seconded by LF, Christine and Clare were appointed Co-Chairwomen.

JP agreed to stand for a further term of office as Treasurer and was returned unanimously and unopposed.

EB agreed to stand for a further term of office as Secretary and was also returned unanimously and unopposed.

Date of the next AGM

The date of the next AGM was set for Tuesday 21st June 2016 at 8 pm in the village hall.

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