



**Minutes of 2016 AGM held on Tuesday 21st June 2016
in the Village Hall library at 8pm**

Present: John Pomfret (JP), Eric Baker (EB), Alison Baker, Denise Waddleton, (DW), Terry Tatham(TT), Christine Sanderson (ChS), Alice Wren (AW), Clare Sabin (CS), Sue Goodchild, Sue Harrison (SH), Sue & Mick Batchelor, Trines Ward (TrW).

Arrivals after History Society meeting: Chris Grossart Terry Waddleton Clive Goodchild, Bill Adams

Apologies: Liz Jones, Daphne Bowhill, Chris & Hallam Congreve, Liz Fraser

Approval of Minutes of AGM 23rd June 2015

Proposed by DW, seconded by JP, the minutes of the meeting of 23rd June 2015 were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

ChS described the association's successes during the year and highlighted the problems that it still faces.

The full report is included in appendix 1

Finance report

JP tabled the association's finance report - see appendix 2.

JP reported that the trip to Q-V this year was undersubscribed because some members were unavailable following the change of visit date and because of health problems for one host family. Taking into account the community cafe donation to pay for the children who participated, the association's funds subsidised the trip in the sum of £200 which was well within the level of support budgeted.

Overall the association's funds at the start of the year in which Braunston hosts Q-V are slightly ahead of where they were two years ago.

JP confirmed that the reserve account has been closed as agreed at the last AGM.

Proposed by TrW and seconded by DW the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

DW, speaking on behalf of all members, thanked JP for his efforts keeping the association's financial position continuously up-to-date even during, events and the visit.

Nominations and election of Officers.

ChS reminded the meeting that she would be standing down at this meeting having completed the one year as Chairman to which she had agreed at the last AGM. In addition Eric Baker would be standing down as Secretary having held the position for 3 years. No nominations had been received for either post. JP had indicated his willingness to continue as treasurer.

There then followed a discussion of alternative ways that the responsibilities of the Chair and Secretary could be organised to make the workloads more acceptable. The following breakdown was agreed:

- JP agreed to be minute taker and to organise the table top sale
- SH agreed to undertake all of the roles of Chair except liaison with Q-V (i.e. Chair meetings, act as association representative, ensure visit is organised (by subcommittee))
- ChS agreed to continue to act as liaison with Q-V and promote inter-school exchanges.

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- EB agreed to organise the Craft Fair
- TrW agreed to organise the quizzes
- CS agreed to undertake the organisational responsibilities of Secretary (call meetings and prepare agendas, issue communication emails, maintain members list, act a point of contact, activity and meeting planning and venue booking)

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

Proposed by AB and seconded by JP SH was unanimously returned as Chairman

Proposed by AW and seconded by DW CS was unanimously returned as Secretary

Date of the next AGM

The date of the next AGM was set for Monday 12th June 2017 at 8 pm in the village hall.

AOB

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 21:00

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Report from Chair by Christine Sanderson. June 2016-06-21

Our Successes

We have had a lively successful year beginning and ending with our exchange visits. I would like to thank everyone for making it so successful. We have pulled together. During the year you have attended meetings, baked cakes, given raffle prizes and moved furniture to raise the funds we need, as well as providing the hospitality and friendship on which our Twinning visits rely. Special thanks to Eric, John, Trines, Janet, Denise and Chris for their special contributions all year: organising us, editing our website, managing the money, the publicity, the quizzes, the catering and the introduction to French classes in the school. We have kept Twinning alive and fun for another year.

The visit to Quincy at the beginning of June was a wonderful long weekend. I went to stay with strangers and came home, after lots of eating, laughing, exploring and talking, full of friendship. Others on the trip renewed long-standing friendships. With financial contributions from our Community Cafe, we introduced 3 children to new experiences in a different culture and they had fun too. We saw how important the link to Braunston is for the community in Quincy-Voisins, led by the Mayor and his office. The strength of this was demonstrated by the ceremony they had organised to present us with a plaque to honour Derek Webb and celebrate the joining of our villages since 1984. We have renewed our links with our local Councils in Northampton and Braunston. We are grateful to Peter for representing the Parish Council at our meetings and for helping us to obtain a grant from the County Council Empowerment Fund in order to try to increase our membership in the Village and the District. We have also in the last few months revived school twinning between our Primary Schools in Quincy and Braunston. We hope that we can provide the support to our school so that this school contact continues and we can help their French language learning in the classroom here. We will participate in a Bastille Day celebration at the School on July 14- this to be discussed at our meeting after the AGM.

Our Problems

We all, I believe, want to keep the Association alive and well in some form. We know that Twinning organisations in neighbouring villages are struggling, but that Kenilworth is thriving. We have had discussions during the year of how we achieve strength, how we bring in new younger people to join us and find new ways of working. We have tried but have not managed to increase our membership. We have circulated leaflets in the Village and District to all households, using an excellent leaflet produced by Janet. We have offered social gatherings in the pub for a drink and a meal to allow new members a more informal way to meet us. Now we need new ideas. We do still have £337.05 to spend from the Empowerment Fund to support a new idea. It may be that as an Association we have to find better ways to involve the Braunston and District community in what is a community association. Are we using the outreach of social media sufficiently? Is that something we need help with? These are issues for next year I believe.

As you know I agreed to act as Chair for a year and that is now ended and I am stepping down. Eric has completed 4 years as Secretary and is also stepping down. We will both continue as Twinners.

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Appendix 2



BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



Annual accounts

2015-2016

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income		Expenditure	
Autumn Craft Fair 2015 net surplus	£502.50	Hall hire for AGM	£12.00
Autumn Quiz 2015 net surplus	£560.75	Insurance	£211.63
Spring Tabletop Sale 2016 net surplus	£202.32	Display stand	£70.85
Spring Quiz 2016 net surplus	£578.03	Leaflets	£92.00
Bank interest	£0.11	Net cost of visit to Quincy-Voisins (Note 1)	£200.00
Grant from Northamptonshire County Council (Note 2)	£500.00		
	<u>£1,913.73</u>	Surplus of income over expenditure	<u>£683.58</u>
			<u>£1,927.15</u>
			<u>£1,513.73</u>

CASH BALANCE SHEET

Drought forward from 2014-2015 accounts

Current account	£140.78
Reserve account	£370.35
Cash in hand	£184.81
Total brought forward to 2015-16	<u>£675.94</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure in 2015-16	<u>£1,527.15</u>
	<u>£2,003.09</u>

Carried forward to 2016-2017 accounts

Current account	£1,072.16
Reserve account (closed 30 September 2015)	£0.00
Cash in hand	<u>£330.93</u>
Total carried forward	<u>£2,003.09</u>

Note 1: Net cost takes into consideration £300 grant received from Braunston Community Café towards visit to Quincy-Voisins to cover fares for children

Note 2: Grant from Northampton County Council for purposes of publicity and encouragement of involvement of a wider and younger village population.
£162.95 has been spent to date, leaving an allocation of £337.05 to be spent and reported upon by November 2016

Signed

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