

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Friday 15th April 2011

1. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed 41 members, including some new members, some prospective members and councillor Carol Payne. The meeting would be followed by cheese and wine and a quiz.

2. Apologies.

Gerry and Carol Chambers, John and Lois Bromley, Mike and Val Wedlake, David and Gill Harrison, Graham Greetham, Derek King, Lin Watson, Fred and Carole Comber, Neil and Marty Howell, Barbara Wright and Joy Johnson.

3. Minutes of the AGM 23th April 2010.

The minutes of the previous AGM were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Bernie Morris. Seconded by Humphrey Clemens.

4. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's report.

The Chairman's report is available in full on the village website. Andy reported that the Association is in very good shape with membership over 300. This year the focus has been on the work and objectives of the Association. The questionnaire and forum combined to provide the priorities for the attention of the Association in the coming year. One of the pointers was to include more social events and tonight's meeting will be followed by cheese and wine and a quiz rather than a speaker. Tony Beard has been booked as entertainment in September. The Association will continue to be vigilant on planning. The Chair thanked the nine members of the committee who work hard behind the scenes. Traffic problems on the main road are a major concern and members were asked if any would be interested in learning how to man a speed gun in order to monitor traffic on the A379. Several volunteered.

6. Secretary's report.

The Secretary's full report is available on the village website. John commented that the strength of the Association is in the members and we are well supported. The questionnaire and forum were really useful to establish priorities for the committee. Local planning is in a state of change and Teignbridge are revising the planning structure. Committee members have been involved in meeting planning officers and also in Dawlish where there is ongoing work to develop a strategic plan for the future shape of the town. We need to protect the coastal areas and the integrity of the village.

New blood on the committee is essential and very welcome. Janet Evans has stepped into Carol Chamber's shoes and John Bromley is very active in planning. In Andy's first year in the chair he has kept us all on our toes.

Our local councillors are a great strength and we thank John, Humphrey, Ros and Carol for their support.

Andy thanked John very much for his extremely hard work.

7. Presentation of accounts.

Treasurer David Smith is standing down therefore the accounts are not yet audited. John Evans will do this. There is a healthy balance of £2700.00. Subs have remained at £2.00 for ten years. There is a need to keep a certain amount in reserve, for instance the Arts and Crafts Exhibition is expensive to put on and there is little prospect of any grants next time. Fees to speakers from charities can be increased and we are looking at ways to improve village life. The accounts were accepted subject to audit.

8. Possible change to constitution.

The constitution was reviewed twelve years ago and now the proposal is to alter clause 6.31 which states that a quorum of 40 members or 25% of the membership if this is lower be amended to 25 members or 25% of membership if lower. There have rarely been enough members attending an AGM to pass any resolution but this year there were sufficient and the change was passed.

9. Appointment of financial examiner.

The present examiner John Evans is hoping to become the treasurer after tonight's election so a new examiner is required. Ross Biddle kindly offered to take on the task. Sam King proposed that this be accepted.

10. Election of committee for the coming year.

The present committee are all willing to stand for election except David Smith. The new member to stand is John Evans.

Those proposed are: John Bromley, Gerry Chambers, Gwyn Crossland, Janet Evans, John Evans, Gill Parsons, Roger Tyler, Andy Watson, John Watson. All were elected en bloc.

The secretary reminded the members that the committee has to be a minimum of eight up to a maximum of fourteen. Anyone who would be willing to join after the meeting could be co opted.

11. Questions and comments by members.

Sam King commented that parking on the village hill, particularly on a Sunday, is making it very difficult for traffic. This was discussed at the forum and has been mentioned in the Holcombe Newsletter, requesting people to be considerate. The Church pays £200 per annum for the congregation to park in the Village Hall car park.

John Watson thanked Janet Bowdler for her excellent newsletter that is a great addition to the village.

John Watson has received a request from the Village Hall committee asking for new members on their committee. Their next project is to install solar panels. The tickets for the Summer Fayre grand draw are available.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed

Date