

Minutes of the Chorltonville Owners' Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 26th February 2012 at Brookburn School

Present

Committee: Mark Chamberlain (Chair), Elizabeth Whiteley (Honorary Treasurer), Isabel Wright (Secretary), Ursula Iredale, Lynn Norbury, Shirley Quinn, Dominic Stanger, Ian Violet, George Yeadon, Colin Wright

Homeowners

22 residents.

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Andrews, Maggie Chamberlain, James & Claire Stevens, Susan Crosdale, James Smith.

2. Minutes of the eighty-ninth AGM held on Sunday 27th February 2011. The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Dominic Stanger, seconded by Shirley Quinn and accepted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chair's report

A chair's report prepared by Mark Chamberlain has been circulated to all owners.

Roads and Footpaths: This is a large part of our budget each year, and the cost of maintenance goes up annually.

Lampposts and signs: these were repainted this year as it was the centenary year, and there was a total overhaul of all the street furniture.

Gullies: there are 187 of these and they are particularly expensive to repair; costing on average £2,000.00 for each gully. The council currently does an 18 month cleanse for us.

Trees: Five trees were felled, and eight new trees planted. The bi annual tree safety audit was undertaken. There was very little damage done to the trees by the high winds in January.

The annual tree inspection was undertaken with the City Council arborculturalist to agree work, there were no emergencies to deal with. Tree maintenance work is to be done in the autumn. Leaves were all cleared by January, and thanks to some residents for assisting by clearing leaves from outside their properties.

Verges: There is an on-going battle to attempt to prevent damage to the verges. Large vehicles regularly damage verges on tight corners, but residents can help by not parking opposite these spots. Some corners that have regularly been damaged have had cobbles to replace grass. Some hand edging has been done, rather than using too much weed killer.

Newsletter: we are hoping to transfer this to the website, but intend to provide paper copies for anyone who requests this format.

Centenary Fund: this was mostly spent on bulb planting, but a surplus was spent on the centenary brochure.

There are currently eleven members on the committee and several other residents give their help also. The chair thanked the committee for all their help and hard work. Special thanks are given to George Yeadon who retires this year after six years on the committee.

Thanks were also given to our litter pickers, Sally MacDowell and Joe Violet. The chair also thanked the Hon Auditor, Karen Zelin.

5. Treasurer's report

The treasurer presented the annual statement of accounts and Treasurer's Report, which had been circulated with the AGM papers.

6. Budget Proposal and annual Levy

The recommendation to the AGM was for a levy of £165.00. This is the first increase to the levy in four years. Proposed by Jac Murray, seconded by Ann Mackay, accepted unanimously.

7. Elections to the committee

Mark Chamberlain, Ursula Iredale, Ian Violet, Elizabeth Whiteley, Colin Wright and Isabel Wright reached the end of their three-year term, and are prepared to stand again. They were all proposed by Shirley Quinn, seconded by Greame McGrath, and accepted unanimously.

8. Honorary Auditor

Karen Zelin was proposed as the Hon. Auditor by Mark Chamberlain, seconded by Lynn Norbury and unanimously accepted.

9. Discussion: amending the Rules of Chorltonville to govern filming on the estate

This can take up a considerable amount of the committee's time, chasing up agreed fees from film companies, and can inconvenience the public as a whole. It was explained that the committee has the power to make by laws concerning this. It was agreed that if the filming was being done for profit it seems fair that the householder who is allowing their property to be used should recover the funds for the Ville. It was also agreed that the committee should have the discretion to agree a filming fee, considering the degree of disruption and compensation for damage caused.

10. Discussion: the viability of a seat on the Rotunda.

There was a discussion about the viability of a seat under the tree on the Rotunda, and a letter received from a resident whose house is adjacent to the Rotunda was read out. This resident and other residents who lived in the vicinity were generally not in favour of the seat. Although it was agreed that in principle there were some good points to the seat, the aim of which was to enhance a sense of community; the opportunities for noise, littering and lack of privacy were acknowledged. It was agreed that this idea would not be taken any further.

11. Ecospheric: the eco-house on The Thorns

A short presentation of the new energy saving scheme, Ecoville, was explained by Kit Knowles. Residents were invited to join the scheme.

12. A.O.B.

Damage being caused by builders to roads and footpaths was raised. The committee do attempt to claim compensation from anyone causing damage. The centenary brochure has now been produced and will shortly be delivered. There being no further business the meeting closed, and everyone was thanked for attending.