

## **Minutes of the Chorltonville Owners' Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 23rd February 2014 at Brookburn School**

### **Present**

Committee: Ian Violet (Acting Chair), Isabel Wright (Secretary), Elizabeth Whiteley (Treasurer), Ursula Iredale, Derrick Latchford, Xanthoula Maitou, Lynn Norbury, Shirley Quinn, Colin Wright

### **Homeowners**

11 residents.

### **Minutes**

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Vicky & Chris Sutton, Ann & Hamish Mackay, Mark & Maggie Chamberlain, Susan Crosdale, Mick Quinn, Jean & Brian Sharp, Judith Summers, Jennie Bateson, Rowan Lewis, Pete and Pip Ives

**2. Minutes of the ninety-second AGM** held on Sunday 17th February 2013. The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Derrick Latchford, seconded by Lynn Norbury, 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.

The acting chair pointed out the extra costs of disposal of leaves, since we are no longer able to use the area we used previously. There were no comments from the floor on the report, and it was unanimously accepted.

### **5. Treasurer's report**

The treasurer gave a brief resume of the annual statement of accounts and Treasurer's Report, which had been circulated with the AGM papers. One person had to be taken to the small claims court for non-payment of the levy. The annual costs came in just under budget. The largest costs are always the roads and footpaths, followed by grass cutting and verge maintenance. There is now an issue of how to dispose of grass cuttings, since we cannot use the area we have used previously. These cannot be classified as green waste because of possible contamination.

Two full gullies have been replaced. The treasurer also mentioned the high cost of gully work and that more money was being put aside for this. It was emphasised that each gully worked on was not just repaired but fully replaced to last for the future.

The aim is to reduce the contingency fund, and to thus keep the levy the same as in 2013.

The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

### **6. Budget Proposal and annual Levy**

The recommendation to the AGM was for a levy of £165.00. Proposed by Derrick Latchford, seconded by Colin Wright, accepted unanimously.

### **7. Elections to the committee**

Derrick Latchford and Lynn Norbury have reached the end of their three-year term, and are prepared to stand again. Derrick Latchford was proposed by Elizabeth Whiteley, seconded by Ursula Iredale, and accepted unanimously. Lynn Norbury was proposed by Shirley Quinn, seconded by Ursula Iredale, and accepted unanimously. Xanthoula Maitou has joined the committee and was proposed by Elizabeth Whiteley, seconded by Laura Hopkins, and accepted unanimously.

### **8. Honorary Auditor**

Karen Zelin was proposed as the Hon. Auditor by Isabel Wright, seconded by Xanthoula Maitou, and unanimously accepted.

### **Any Other Business**

- i. There was a request from the committee for residents to please trim hedges where they are encroaching on the footpaths, thus causing pedestrians to walk on the verges.
- ii. Gully cleaning: this will continue this week, so everyone was requested not to park over the gullies until the work was completed.
- iii. Damage to the Meade: There were a number of suggestions from the floor all of which had been previously considered by the committee and are not feasible or affordable. Elizabeth Whiteley agreed to ask a resident to look into a feasibility study for the costs of widening the road. It was also pointed out that parking on the Meade prevents large vehicles from negotiating the narrow curving road and causes the damage.
- iv. Horse chestnut on The Meade: If the decision was made to plant four birch trees while waiting for a new central tree to mature, it was suggested that the council's opinion should be sought on our intention. A further suggestion was that advice could be sought from organisations such as the RHS and the National Trust on the type of tree to be planted. Generally the opinion was that it might be prudent to plant a specimen tree and to plant shrubs around it, which could be removed without needing to ask permission of the council.

Thanks were given to Brookburn School, and to Mr Wright for setting the room up. There were thanks given to the committee from the floor.

There being no further business everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 3.00pm.