

Minutes of the Chorltonville Owners' Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22nd February 2015 at St. Barnabas Church Hall

Present

Committee: Mark Chamberlain (Chair), Isabel Wright (Secretary), Harriet Kemp, Ursula Iredale, Derrick Latchford, Lynn Norbury, Blake Osborne, Shirley Quinn, Dominic Stanger, Ian Violet, Colin Wright

Homeowners

26 residents.

Minutes

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Vicky & Chris Sutton, Ann Mackay, Maggie Chamberlain, Elizabeth Whiteley, Graeme McGrath, Anne Miller, Derek Carling, Judith Summers, Graham Hobbs, Julian, Sharon, and Ella Diggle, Xanthoula Maitou, Sasha Williamson

- 2. Minutes of the ninety-third AGM** held on Sunday 23rd February 2014. The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Laura Hopkins, seconded by Nigel Partington, 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.

Gas Main Replacement: Planned work on a stretch of South Drive was postponed because of the gas main works. We insisted that the patches in the roads were sealed, but patches in the footpaths were not sealed, because they may prove to be a slip hazard. After all the work was completed Shirley Quinn and Derek Latchford had a meeting with EPL and Balfour Beatty, because the committee were not pleased with the state of the verges. They have since sent a very good gardening firm to repair the verges. They have used topsoil and have seeded them, and will return if more work needs to be done in the future. If there is any road settlement they will return up to two years in the future.

Gullies: there are 187 of these and they are particularly expensive to repair; three were replaced this year costing on average £2,000.00 for each gully.

Trees: There was a question from the floor of the choice of a Field Maple which has been planted on South Gate, and if it is of an appropriate size because of the large number of mature woodland trees already on South Gate. The resident was assured that it was appropriate.

Verges: Some hand edging has been done, rather than using too much weed killer. The contractor that has been used for the last five years has decided not to continue with our contract, and new contractors are being used for this year.

The Chair thanked the committee for all their help and hard work, especially Elizabeth Whiteley, the Treasurer retiring after eighteen years service.

The Chair also thanked the Hon Auditor, Karen Zelin. The Chair's report was then unanimously accepted.

5. Treasurer's report

The chair presented the annual statement of accounts and Treasurer's Report, which had been circulated with the AGM papers. There is a surplus this has been carried forward from 2014, due to the postponement of road repairs because of the gas main replacements. The small amount left in the Centenary Fund will be spent this year to top up the bulb planting. There was a comment from the floor on the size of the contingency fund. It was agreed that the committee would consider this at the next committee meeting, with a view to reducing the size of the fund. The Treasurer's report was then unanimously accepted.

6. Budget Proposal and annual Levy

The recommendation to the AGM was for a levy of £165.00. This is the same amount as in the last three years. The levy was proposed by Mark Chamberlain, seconded by Nigel Partington, and accepted unanimously.

7. Elections to the committee

Ursula Iredale, Dominic Stanger and Ian Violet have reached the end of their three-year term, and are prepared to stand again. Peter Barton, Blake Dobson, Harriet Kemp and Sasha Williamson have all worked on the committee on an ad-hoc basis during 2014 and are standing for election. They were all proposed by Hamish Mackay, seconded by Teresa Harlow, and accepted unanimously.

8. Honorary Auditor

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

9. Consultation: protection of grass on The Meade.

The Chair read out a report prepared by Shirley Quinn that outlined suggestions made by a highways engineer, Tony Fisher, a Chorltonville resident, that the committee had consulted. We are very grateful for his help. Comments received prior to the meeting by email were read out. Then there was a full discussion from the floor on various options that the committee have been considering as possible solutions to the on going damage to the grass on The Meade by vehicles. The committee agreed to consider the useful suggestions made by residents.

10. Any other business

There was a comment from the floor on dog fouling on the grass areas of the estate. The committee have no powers to police this issue, but will put something on this in the next newsletter.

Maggie Mackay has thought of starting a Facebook page for Chorltonville to bring residents together. This would need a manager and several people to moderate it.

It was noted that Ian Violet had waited at Brookburn School until after 2pm. to ensure that no residents went to the wrong venue, since the AGM venue needed to be changed after the AGM papers were distributed.

There was a vote of thanks from the floor to all the committee for their work in maintaining the estate.

Everyone was thanked for attending, a sizeable group of residents had attended in such poor weather, and the meeting closed at 3.20pm