

Chorltonville Owners Committee

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Date: 28th February 2016

Location: Brookburn School

Present: Ian Violet (Chair); Harriet Kemp; Shirley Quinn; Derrick Latchford; Sasha Williamson; Xanthoula Maitou; Maggie Chamberlain; Ursula Iredale; Blake Dobson; Geoff Warburton; Katherine Warburton; Mark Chamberlain; Ros Pilkington; Peter Ives; Philippa Ives; Darren Cassidy; Rachel Gutteridge; Caroline Birch; Richard Glazier; Matt Cunliffe; Liz Asbridge; Steve Keeney; Luly Mitchell; Nicola Barzotelli; PCSO Carli Malone; PCSO Lisa Dronsejko.

Apologies: Dominic Stanger; Ann and Paul Simic; Laura Hopkins; Hamish and Ann McKay; Chris Butt & Jayne Bessant; Isabel and Colin Wright; Lynn Norbury; Susan Crosdale ; Alice Barnes;

Review of minutes from previous meeting

Minutes were confirmed as accurate. Proposed by Caroline Birth, seconded Richard Glazier. Unanimous vote to accept.

Matters Arising

The Meade grass protection. SQ explained that a trial section of Bodpave has been installed on a section of the edge of The Meade and grass reseeded. Initial indications are positive and it appears to be able to withstand heavy vehicles.

Also a trial of turf protector has been installed along a stretch of Claude Road which gets heavy pedestrian traffic. Initial indications are that this has not been successful, so we are likely to have to remove it and re-turf.

Discussion on extending Bodpave to South side of The Meade. Current plan is to reseed/repair as this location is less frequently damaged.

Reserves. To be addressed in Treasurers report.

Chairs report

IV summarised the issues as presented in the Chair's report.

Kathryn Warburton asked about decision making in respect of the installation of the lectern on The Meade. IV confirmed Committee authority for maintaining public spaces is granted through the Chorltonville Rules. XA explained the factors which had influenced the Committee. It was noted that the lectern is not accessible to wheelchair users.

SQ proposed that the Chairs report be accepted. DL seconded. Unanimous acceptance.

GMP

PCSOs Carli Malone & Lisa Dronsejko updated the meeting on local crime figures and provided advice on home and car security along with some security devices. The meeting thanked the Officers for their time and input.

Annual statement of accounts and Treasurers report

HK summarised the issues as presented in the Treasurers report, including that the reserves have now reduced to a level felt to be appropriate by the Committee. Elizabeth Whitely proposed the 2015 accounts were accepted & this was seconded by Steve Keeney. Unanimous acceptance.

Budget proposal

The meeting discussed the proposal to increase the levy in 2016 to £180, and heard that a standstill budget for many years plus increased anticipated spending on gullies were the primary reasons.

Richard Glazier suggested that an annual inflationary increase should be routine to avoid larger ad hoc increases. Whilst it was understood the UK financial climate had influenced previous decisions not to impose an inflationary increase, there was general agreement to this in principle.

Caroline Birch proposed a levy of £180 seconded by Richard Glazier. 1 vote against, 0 abstentions, remainder in favour. £180 levy for 2016 agreed.

Elections to the Committee

- **Geoff Warburton**
- **Maggie Chamberlain (re-election)**
- **Shirley Quinn (re-election)**

There was a unanimous vote to elect GW for the first time and re-elect SQ and MC.

Appointment of Hon Auditor

Karen Zelin has offered to audit the 2016 accounts. There was a Unanimous acceptance and vote of thanks from the Committee

Motion – proposed rule change

Discussion on the drivers to make a permissive rule change as per the meeting papers. A discussion ensued on increasing the email address list coverage for householders.

Caroline Birch suggested that homewatch co-ordinators could check with householders on willingness to pass on email addresses to the Committee. **Action: SQ to suggest to homewatch co-ordinators.**

BD proposed the motion be accepted, seconded by IV. There was unanimous agreement.

AOB

The meeting discussed traffic, parking and verge damage at the W end of Claude Road and Brookburn Road.

Caroline Birch raised concerns about traffic causing danger to children and parents on Brookburn road at school drop off and pick up time. There was a general discussion on problems associated with this. SW updated the meeting that the School Governing Body is in touch with Councillor Hacking to seek City Council input to this problem. The PSCOs agreed to raise with GMP to ask MCC to increase traffic enforcement presence.

Tree removal work on East Meade. Matt Cunliffe sought clarification on the timeframe for removal of trees. **Action:** BD ask to ask Dominic Stanger to liaise with Matt.

Discussion on water pressure / flow problems. The meeting heard that if 2 houses share a supply then pressure and/or flow is reduced. The lead pipe replacement work appears to resolve this in some cases but not all.

The meeting closed with the Chair thanking all for their attendance.