

Chorltonville Owners' Annual General Meeting 2017

Chorltonville Owners' Annual General Meeting Brookburn School, Brookburn Road at 2pm, 26th February 2017.

Present: *Committee*: Ian Violet (Chair); Maggie Chamberlain (Treasurer); Blake Dobson (Secretary); Shirley Quinn (Roads/footpaths); Ursula Iredale (Gullies); Dominic Stanger (Trees); Xanthoula Maitou (Communications); Lyn Norbury (Bulbs/planting); Sasha Williamson (Planning applications); Geoff Warburton (Website). *Householders*: Debbie Lucas; Graham Hobbs; Mark Chamberlain; Teresa Harlow; Steve and Mary Millward; Pip and Pete Ives; Harry Shaw; Sarah Steven; Kathy Lee; Lawrence Beedle; Alan and Polly Tomlinson; Pranab Bhadra; Sownak Roy; Matthre Cunliffe; R Watson; V Watson; Fiona Quinn; Alice Barnes; Laura Hopkins; Maria Graham; Richard Glazier.

Apologies : Isabel and Colin Wright; Dave and Ros Pilkington; Derrick Latchford; Susan Crosdale; Ursula Iredale; Ann & Hamish McKay; Katherine Warburton;

1. Review of the note of the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

- An error was highlighted on the heading of the note (incorrectly read 2015 not 2016)

2. Matters Arising from 2016 meeting note:

- Measures to protect grass verge on The Meade was initially successful however building up of soil and seed has resulted in over-run problems again. It was proposed to remove this excess soil this summer.
- Verge protector at end of Claude Road was unsuccessful and now removed
- A resident noted bin lorry staff have been removing the loose post and over-running the corner at Meadowbank / W Meade. SQ will arrange for the post to be re-seated.
- Traffic and danger to children. In response to Caroline Birch's question at last AGM the Committee has contacted the PTA and offered assistance, PTA has confirmed they are aware of this is an issue and have put up parking notices;
- A householder raised a question on can the Committee could install a pedestrian crossing; The Committee felt this would be an issue for the Local Authority rather than Committee responsibility.

Mark Chamberlain proposed the note as an accurate record and Laura Hopkins seconded.

3. Chair's Report.

- IV took the meeting through the highlights of his report. A question was asked about plans for future of trees on East Meade. DS explained the Committee policy with regard to oversize trees. City Council policy has recently been re-inforced that tree removal will only be approved if the tree is diseased, dying or dangerous, regardless of size.

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- Another question was raised regarding damage caused to a front wall by tree roots. DS advised this will not be a City Council priority in considering requests to remove trees.
- A question was raised regarding the use of pollarding as a pruning measure. DS confirmed pruning is crown reduction and branch removal only.
- A discussion ensued regarding tree root damage to drains on private property. Some householders advised that this is not always insured on household policy.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept the Chairs report.

4. Annual Statement of Account and Treasurer's Report.

- MC explained she has taken over as treasurer from last year and took the meeting through the highlights of her report.
- MC clarified the relatively high spend on gullies, and that the insurance figure covers 2 years premium.
- A question was raised about future proposed increases to the levy. Committee was unable to predict future increases however MC and explanation was provided that the proposed increase for 2017 is as a result of requirement to maintain spend on gullies and return roads spending to previous levels.

5. Budget Proposal and setting of the annual Levy for the current year.

£200 levy for 2017 was proposed by Teresa Harlow, seconded by Graham Hobbs
One vote against, remainder in favour.

6. Elections to the Committee.

- IV proposed formal thanks to Lynn Norbury and Derrick Latchford who are both standing down this year.
- Xanthoula Maitou was unanimously re-elected
- Lawrence Beedle has volunteered to join the Committee and was unanimously elected.

7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor.

Karen Zelin has volunteered to continue in this role. Unanimous vote to select Ms Zelin as Honorary auditor and thank her for undertaking this role.

8. Any other business.

- Virgin Media approach to lay cables under Chorltonville pavements. Several households have received letters regarding this, SQ has written to Virgin setting out the statutory position re permissions. A discussion on the pros and cons of granting permissions took place. A question was raised about whether there are other ways of enabling high speed broadband without digging up the roads. Views of attendees were noted. The Committee will consider this matter further at its March meeting.

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- Litter, particularly on Claude Rd. Concerns that litter is increasing and a question as to whether this can be raised with Brookburn School. Various parents of children at Brookburn in attendance advised that the School does ask children not to drop litter. There is no definite evidence that any increase in litter is at the hands of Brookburn children. Agreement that informal requests from parents present at today's meeting to the school was the appropriate way to raise this issue.

Theresa Harlow proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee.

Meeting closed 3.30 pm