



Minutes of the Chorltonville Owners' Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 25th February 2018 at Brookburn School

Present:

Committee: Ian Violet (Chair), Maggie Chamberlain (Treasurer), Blake Dobson (Secretary), Shirley Quinn (Roads and Footpaths), Dominic Stanger (Trees), Xanthoula Maitou (Newsletter, bulbs), Geoff Warburton (Website),

Homeowners: Pranab Bhadra; Sownak Roy; Alice Barnes; Peter and Louise Carlisle; Mark Chamberlain; Matt Cunliffe; Hamish & Ann McKay; Gay Baker; Teresa Harlow; Derek Latchford; Steve Millward; Mark Dooris; Ivor Davies; Jenny Osborne; Colin & Isabel Wright; Derek Carlin; Maggie McKay; Caroline Birch; Tana Blum; Angela Cantillon; Connie Kershaw; Jonathon & Ariella Green; Laura Hopkins; Ann Simic; Brian & Militza Casserly; Darren Cassidy; Lynn Norbury; Anna Violet; M Savage; Sue & John Glenn.

Minutes

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Sasha Williamson, Lawrence Beedle, Susan Crosdale, Mick Quinn, Paul Selway, Katherine Warburton, Sue Worthington, Pip and Peter Ives, Rachel and Chris Gutteridge, Helen Elderfield & Sarah Tomlinson.
- 2. Presentation:** Authors Andy Simpson and Peter Topping – short presentation on history of Chorltonville with reference to their book *The Quirks of Chorlton cum Hardy*.
- 3. Minutes of the ninety-sixth AGM** held on Sunday 26th February 2017. The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Derek Latchford, seconded by Caroline Birch, and accepted unanimously.
- 4. Matters Arising from the ninety-sixth AGM.** There were no matters arising.
- 5. Chair's report.** Ian Violet summarised his written report contained within the papers for today's meeting. The report was proposed by Ian Violet and seconded by Shirley Quinn. Unanimous vote to accept the Chair's report.
- 6. Treasurer's report.** Maggie Chamberlain summarised the statement of accounts and her report contained within the papers for today's meeting, including reminding the meeting of the importance of paying the levy on time, as chasing late payers is a drain on Committee voluntary resources. All levies were successfully collected during 2017. Maggie also formally thanked Karen Zelin who has yet again

acted as our Honorary Auditor. The report was proposed by Hamish McKay and seconded by Lynn Norbury. There was unanimous vote to accept the report.

- 7. Budget Proposal and annual Levy.** The recommendation to the AGM was for a levy of £205, an increase of £5 on the 2017 levy. The levy was proposed by Laura Hopkins, seconded by Gay Baker, and accepted unanimously.
- 8. Elections to the committee.** Ian Violet, Dominic Stanger, Sasha Williamson and Blake Dobson were all proposed for re-election by Hamish McKay and seconded by Lynn Norbury. All were re-elected by unanimous vote. Rachel Gutteridge has volunteered to join the Committee. She was proposed by Isabel Wright and seconded by Ann McKay, and elected by unanimous vote. Ursula Iredale has decided to retire. Ian Violet recorded formal thanks for Ursula's many years of valuable and greatly appreciated Committee work, often walking our roads in wet conditions to identify drainage problems.
- 9. Honorary Auditor.** Karen Zelin was proposed as the Hon. Auditor by Ian Violet, seconded by Shirley Quinn and unanimously accepted.

10. AOB.

- a. **Thanks.** Teresa Harlow thanked the Committee for their work during 2017 on behalf of the AGM.
- b. **Verge at end of Claude Road.** Anne Simic raised concerns about the quality of this piece of verge which gets heavy use from school pedestrian traffic and becomes muddy, and suggested the verge be reduced and footpath widened to better accommodate pedestrians and reduce mud. Some discussion on Committee's right to require hedges not to obstruct footpaths within Chorltonville, and a suggestion was made that Committee ask the homeowner to cut back the hedge and offer to meet the cost of this as a one-off gesture of good will. Discussion on potential damage to existing trees through removing verge and replacing with footpath, and whether alternative surfaces could be used to avoid damaging roots. The AGM was reminded that the City Council position on trees within the Conservation Area is that they will not consent to felling unless they are diseased or dangerous. **Actions:** Committee to look at alternative surfacing materials for footpaths, and consider approaching the householder regarding the hedge as above.
- c. **School traffic.** Discussion on traffic around the school on Brookburn & Claude Roads and West Meade. Caroline Birch advised the meeting that the PTA are in discussion with the City Council regarding risks to public safety caused through inconsiderate parking by some parents including whether the school can be included in a pilot to test different safety measures. Discussion on Committee's role on this issue in

terms of renewed approaches to the School, and on problems with enforcement of any parking restrictions. **Action:** Caroline Birch to ask PTA to correspond with Committee Secretary on this issue.

- d. **The Meade.** Pranab Bhadra raised concerns about unsightly verge damage to The Meade. Discussion on problems associated with parking leading to verge over-run by heavy vehicles. Whilst damage has occurred in various locations around The Meade, it tends to be recurrent on the West side, which has been repaired repeatedly, involving substantial cost. The AGM asked Committee to approach households where parked cars appear to lead to damage, and ask householders to make alternative parking arrangements. Some discussion followed on whether Committee should seek to recover costs of repair from the households that actually own The Meade, as the meeting felt that it was not appropriate for the entire estate to bear the cost of repeated repairs to the same piece of verge which could be avoided if cars are parked elsewhere.
- e. **Horse chestnut on The Meade.** Jenny Osborne asked about the health of this tree. Dominic Stanger confirmed the tree has horse chestnut blight, but that progress of the disease appears slow and is currently not getting worse. Dominic confirmed Committee continues to monitor this tree carefully.
- f. **Bulb planting.** Caroline Birch offered to assist with bulb planting during 2018. Committee noted this offer.
- g. **Refreshments at AGM.** Caroline Birch thanked the householders who had provided refreshments at the AGM, which got us off to a good start. The meeting agreed this is a positive development and thanked all those involved in providing refreshments.

Meeting closed at 3.15