



Minutes of the Chorltonville Owners' Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 24th February 2019 at Brookburn School

Present: Pranab Bhadra, Sownak Roy, Ann Mackay, Hamish Mackay, Mark Chamberlain, Gay Barker, Camilla Gueseca, Lynn Norbury, Sue Glenn, John Clarke, Caroline Birch, Isabel Wright, Alice Barnes, Teresa Harlow, Jean Sharpe, Steve Traynor, Sonja Traynor, Derrick Latchford, Mike Gavin, Ros Pilkington, Andrew Tully, Anna Violet, Derek Carline, Laura Hopkins, Matt Cunliffe, Liz Purcell, Jenny Osborne

Committee: Ian Violet (Chair), Maggie Chamberlain (Treasurer), Blake Dobson (Secretary), Shirley Quinn (Roads and Footpaths), Kit Knowles (Trees), Xanthoula Maitou (Newsletter), Geoff Warburton (Website), Jenny Bateson (Verges), Rachel Gutteridge (Verges); Sasha Williamson (Planning Applications)

Homeowners:

Minutes

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Pip and Peter Ives, Jens and Tania Hettel, Mark Dooris and Paul Selway, Lucy Mitchell and Steve Keeney, Lynda and Ray Wynn, Alexis Mackenzie and Jeff Brider, Alan Tomlinson, Steve Clarke; Maggie McKay; Katherine Warburton, Debbie Lucas and Graham Hobbs, Sue Cockerill; Colin Wright, Dave Pilkington, Mick Quinn, Hamish Beck, Jonathon and Ariella Green.
2. **Minutes of the ninety-seventh AGM** held on Sunday 25th February 2018. The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Hamish McKay and accepted unanimously.
3. **Matters arising from the ninety-seventh AGM.**
 - a. Verge end of Claude Rd; footway widened and resurfaced resulting in improved drainage, view from the meeting that installation of setts has improved walking on this surface;
 - b. School traffic; PTA funded some signage last year, parking feels slightly less difficult at the moment, school teachers are now posted at the gate every morning;
 - c. Vehicle damage to The Meade; feedback from Dominic Stanger from conversations with The Meade residents last year – main feedback was suggestion for installing setts around the edge of The Meade, however owners felt that The Meade is a Ville amenity so cost should be borne by Ville funds; Cost in July 2014 for installation was estimated at £26k plus; discussion on

legal position – owners consent required for any works; the meeting was not in unanimous agreement that sets are the answer, or about how the cost is borne; suggestion from the meeting that we ask householders to request smaller contractors vehicles; suggestion from the meeting that we only repair The Meade once a year – this more or less reflects current practice; no unanimous view from the meeting on resolution of this longstanding issue.

- d. Bulb planting – activity is ongoing now to identify areas requiring planting; Gardening Club is taking control, more volunteers welcome; suggestion that we concentrate planting in specific areas rather than across every verge was felt to be a good idea;

4. Chair's report. Ian Violet summarised his written report contained within the papers for today's meeting. Specifically the following issues were discussed:

- a. leaf collecting; discussion on asking residents to sweep their own leaves; not unanimous support for this, suggestion made that we keep the contractor sweep and residents be encouraged to help out. Suggestion from the meeting that asking residents to help should be raised as an issue now and throughout the year was felt to be useful.
- b. gullies; various have been repaired in 2018. 20/22 & 24 MB reported by householder as blocked. Also 2 WM reported. Committee will investigate these 3 gullies.

The report was proposed by Ian Violet and seconded by Derek Latchford. Unanimous vote to accept the Chairs report.

5. Treasurer's report. Maggie Chamberlain summarised the statement of accounts and her report contained within the papers for today's meeting, including closure of 1 account and research ongoing to look at new account(s) and methods / timing of payments. All levies were successfully collected during 2018. Maggie also formally thanked Karen Zelin who has yet again acted as our Honorary Auditor. There was unanimous vote to accept the report. Discussion on building the contingency fund deliberately to cover one-off large costs eg The Meade – concerns expressed re people moving in / out and bearing this load disproportionately. Discussion on taking preventative approach through surveys etc which will take advantage of increased contingency. The report was proposed by Ann McKay and seconded by Ian Violet and unanimously accepted by the meeting.

6. Budget Proposal and annual Levy. Proposal flowing from above discussion re building contingency for £215 by Sue Glenn, seconded by Pranab Bhadra. This was rejected by a vote of 8 for and 20 against. The recommendation to the AGM was for a levy of £210, an increase of £5 on the 2018 levy. The levy was proposed by Dominic Stanger,

seconded by Ian Violet and agreed by a large majority but not unanimously.

- 7. Elections to the committee.** Maggie Chamberlain, Shirley Quinn and Geoff Warburton were all proposed for re-election and unanimously re-elected. Kit Knowles and Jennie Bateson have volunteered to join the Committee and were elected by unanimous vote. Dominic Stanger has decided to retire. Ian Violet recorded formal thanks for Dominic's many years of valuable and greatly appreciated Committee work.
- 8. Honorary Auditor.** Karen Zelin was proposed as the Hon. Auditor by Maggie Chamberlain, seconded by Ian Violet and unanimously accepted.
- 9. Motion** – proposed change to the Amenities of Chorltonville Rules and Regulations (as previously revised at AGMs in 1974, 1996, 1997 and 2000) to enable the AGM to be held in March was unanimously accepted.
- 10. AOB.**
 - a. Some concerns expressed re young people coming onto The Meade with poor behaviour. Discussion also re crowds at Football Club bonfire. Both issues are accepted as being of significant concern, but were felt to be outside Committee remit.
 - b. Local burglaries have also taken place recently; discussion on Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, Shirley Quinn has details of all NW co-ordinators.
 - c. Lynn Norbury proposed vote of thanks to Committee.

Ian Violet closed the meeting at 3.15pm, along with a vote of thanks to the Chorltonville Gardening Club who provided refreshments before we started.