



FRIENDS OF CHORLEYWOOD COMMON
25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4th MARCH 2016 at 8pm in The Junction, Christchurch
Minutes

Welcome by Chairman, Greg Hill

1. Apologies for absence 17 in attendance, including guest speaker David Cansdale. Apologies for absence from Petrea Conway, Stuart Marshall, Olive Entwistle, Gareth Hunt, Margaret Jarrett, Tony Edwards, Anthony and Norma Boswell.
2. Minutes of AGM held on February 27th 2015 These had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting and were taken as read and signed as a correct record. Proposal to accept the minutes as a true record proposed by Rosemary Warburg, seconded by Michael Hyde; no objections, no abstention.
3. The Chairman's Report. Greg Hill noted the various talks and summer events including Pond Dipping led by Ranger Andrew Goddard and a Medicinal/Edible Plants walk led by Victoria Stainsby. A glow-worm hunt took place on three nights but no glow-worms were sighted. A butterfly survey had been organised by Michael Hyde. Village Day was a success and Michael Warburg together with Michael Hyde were thanked for their work in this regard. Martin Hicks of Hertfordshire Ecology and Andrew Goddard led a Wildflowers and Butterflies walk. Simon Varnals had undertaken further fixed point photography. Michael Hyde and Alison Rubens were thanked for their continued work on the Play Area Advisory Committee and urged anyone who wanted to add their voice to do so before April 26th. Alison Rubens was thanked for her work in notifying the committee of planning applications relevant to the common. The Summer Newsletter coordination and preparation was undertaken by Jackie Worrall who would be happy to take contributions for future Newsletters. Volunteers have been helping with hedge laying and the cutting of hawthorn seedlings, anyone who is interested in joining a group of volunteers for this ongoing work should contact Simon Varnals. There have been two afternoon meetings with talks from Steve Cater a local RSPB member and also Ranger Andrew Goddard. The Beating of the Bounds is taking place on the Common on Sunday 1st May. The two highways issues are proceeding with a pedestrian crossing at the junction of the A404 and Common Road imminent, the proposal to give priority at the narrow point to traffic coming up from Berry Lane has been agreed to in principle. Gareth Hunt has offered to represent the FoCC for the site meeting to work on the details. Thanks were given to Gareth Hunt and Bob Sutherland for representing FoCC on the Community and Neighbourhood Plan steering groups; the Community plan has been adopted in principle and work on proposals for a Neighbourhood plan are ongoing. Grazing went well with the virtual fencing. The ticketing system for parking at the Memorial Hall and Shepherds Bridge has been extended to the area outside the Old Shepherd Pub. We are waiting to see the final design for the proposed new Cricket Pavilion.

Rosemary Warburg raised a question regarding the Neighbourhood plan. It was explained that this leads on from the community plan and principally applies to planning issues, it will have legal ramifications.

A question was asked regarding the Dog Control order and how would this be policed. A concern was voiced that the bins for dog waste are 'overflowing' after a weekend.

The final question concerned the proposed second pond at Darvell's and if this was still going ahead.

4. The Treasurer's Report. Michael Hyde gave his report. The accounts remain healthy with a good balance in the bank. The main outgoings this year were the printing of the new leaflet together with printing cost of paperwork for the enquiry into the proposed playground. The cost of annual insurance has fallen due to a reduced public liability cover. We have 6 new members but 4 old members did not renew.
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the accounts. This had been carried out by Andrew York, who is prepared to continue in this role. The Meeting approved this arrangement. The appointment was proposed by Greg Hill and seconded by Rosemary Warburg.
6. Election of Officers.
 - a) Chairman is willing to continue in post with no others proposed. Proposal for the Chairman to be re-elected proposed by Nikki Varnals, seconded by Janet Anders: nem con. The Chairman was re-elected unopposed.
 - b) Vice Chairman: Alison Rubens, willing to continue in that position, proposed by Simon Varnals, seconded by Michael Hyde.
 - c) Secretary: Petrea Conway to be re-elected proposed by Jackie Worrall, seconded by Nicola Varnals.
 - d) Treasurer: Michael Hyde has agreed to fill this post, proposed by Nicola Varnals and seconded by Alison Rubens.
 - e) Membership Secretary: Stuart Marshall to be re-elected proposed by Michael Hyde, seconded by Simon Varnals.
 - f) The Chairman asked the meeting to agree to the appointment of Officers being taken as a single resolution, which was agreed. On the resolution being put, the re-election of the Vice-Chairman and Secretary, the election of the Treasurer and re-election of the Membership Secretary were carried nem con.
7. Election of Committee. The Chairman confirmed that no members of the Committee were due to retire by rotation, and from the conclusion of the meeting the Committee would consist of the officers, together with Olive Entwistle (President), Mike Warburg (Vice-president), Anthony Boswell, Gareth Hunt, Bob Sutherland, Simon Varnals, Nicola Varnals and Jackie Worrall.
8. There being no other formal items for discussion the AGM closed at 8.40pm.

Immediately following the meeting, there was a short refreshment break.

This was followed by a talk given by David Cansdale who is the area co-ordinator of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign. David also spoke on his role as a Deputy Lieutenant for Hertfordshire.

A donation of £30 was made by FoCC to a local charity supported by David Cansdale in his role as a Deputy Lieutenant.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10pm.