



FRIENDS OF CHORLEYWOOD COMMON
26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
30 MARCH 2017 at 8pm in Chorleywood Library
Minutes

Welcome by Chairman, Greg Hill

1. Apologies for absence 30 in attendance, including Committee members. Apologies for absence from Jackie Worrall.
2. Minutes of AGM held on March 4th 2016 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 Stuart Marshall, seconded by Lyn Sutherland; approved by the meeting.
3. The Chairman's Report. Greg Hill made a number of comments, firstly thanking Mike Warburg and Anthony Boswell for their contributions to FoCC over many years: secondly, reporting that the membership of the society has gone down this year to 135 households: thirdly, requesting comments on moving the date of the meeting to one after the clocks 'Spring forward': fourthly, to congratulate Stuart Marshall on his co-option to fill the vacancy for North Ward on Chorleywood Parish Council. He went on to describe FoCC events held over the year and mentioned other activities including fixed point photography, volunteering (to help on Common maintenance), Young Rangers and the butterfly survey. The Chairman also noted matters on which FoCC had made representations included support for the pedestrian phase on traffic lights on the A404, also against proposals for a Play Area on the Common, but cautious support for a Nature Trail and Wildwood dens.
4. The Treasurer's Report. Michael Hyde gave his report, noting in particular the cash at bank of £5,389, the 3 year cycle for payments and hence subscriptions paid in advance of £991. The financial position was satisfactory with an excess of income over expenditure of £146. Owen Edis asked how he could work out when his membership was next due. Michael Hyde explained that the membership secretary, Stuart Marshall kept these records. Proposal to accept the Treasurer's Report proposed by Alison Rubens, seconded by Nikki Varnals and carried nem con.
5. Appointment of Independent examiner of the accounts. This had been carried out by Andrew York, who is prepared to continue in this role, proposed by Greg Hill, seconded by Michael Hyde. The Meeting approved this arrangement; nem con.

6. Election of Officers.

- a) Chairman is willing to continue in post with no others proposed. Proposal for the Chairman to be elected proposed by Michael Hyde, seconded by Gareth Hunt: nem con. The Chairman was re-elected unopposed.
- b) Vice Chairman: Alison Rubens, who may wish to stand down in due course, proposed by Stuart Marshall, seconded by Nikki Varnals,
- c) Secretary: Petrea Conway proposed by Lyn Sutherland, seconded by Alison Rubens
- d) Treasurer: Michael Hyde proposed by Nikki Varnals, seconded by Bob Sutherland
- e) Membership Secretary: Stuart Marshall proposed by Sue Kesteven, seconded by Tony Edwards
- 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, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary were carried nem con.

7. Election of Committee. Greg Hill reminded the meeting that members of the Committee are elected for a three year term. This year Jackie Worrall, Bob Sutherland and Gareth Hunt retire by rotation, all prepared to stand again. Mike Warburg gave up his membership during the year and his place was filled by Christian Koefoed-Nielsen, who was co-opted to the date of this meeting, he offers himself for election. Anthony Boswell is retiring from the Committee from the end of this meeting. Proposers and seconders: Jackie Worrall, proposed by Michael Hyde, seconded by Nikki Varnals; Bob Sutherland, proposed by Jennifer Bernard, seconded by Stuart Marshall; Gareth Hunt, proposed by Simon Varnals, seconded by Alison Rubens; Christian Koefoed-Nielsen, proposed by Jennifer Bernard, seconded by Simon Varnals. The Chairman asked the meeting to agree to the appointment of the Committee being taken as a single resolution, which was agreed nem con. The Chairman therefore confirmed that from the conclusion of the meeting the Committee would consist of the officers, Olive Entwistle (President), Mike Warburg (Vice-President), Greg Hill (Chairman), Alison Rubens (Vice Chairman), Petrea Conway (Secretary), Michael Hyde (Treasurer), Stuart Marshall (Membership Secretary), and Committee members Gareth Hunt, Christian Koefoed-Nielsen, Bob Sutherland, Simon Varnals, Nikki Varnals and Jackie Worrall.

8. Any other business. It was agreed that it was better to hold the meeting after the clocks had changed. There were no volunteers for the role of Vice Chairman nor to join the Committee. A question was raised regarding the current state of the ponds and the works being undertaken. Tony Edwards noted the slow progress, but explained that works were to be carried out in a 'cycle' so that the different ponds would be at different stages in their cycles. Stuart Marshall thanked Greg Hill for his work as Chairman. There being no further items for discussion the AGM closed at 8.50pm.

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

This was followed by a presentation from Cllr Jane White, Chair of Chorleywood Parish Council, on the Parish Council's plans for a Nature Trail on the Common.

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