

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Goring Residents' Association held at St. Mary's Church Hall on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Present:** 71 residents plus Councillor Nicola Waight

## **1. Welcome**

The Chairman Eleanor Millward welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Peter Hall for his slide-show of pictures of Goring.

**Apologies** were received from Alan & Jan Wilcox, Councillors Roy Barraclough & Steve Waight, John & Jo Leitch, Maureen Dobson, Robin & Margaret Turnbull.

## **2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM and Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

It was proposed by Gill Flower and seconded by Pat Blackman that the Minutes be accepted.

The proposal was carried, and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman

## **3. Committee Report**

Peter Hall gave an illustrated Powerpoint presentation of the last eighteen months, which is attached.

Herbert Herrmann had been co-opted as Treasurer, and Peter Robinson and Ian Hunt as committee members. Margaret Horton had resigned for personal reasons.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the audited accounts were distributed.

The Treasurer reported that the financial year for 1917-18 covered sixteen months. This had resulted in some differences compared to the previous twelve months' period. The income amounted to £4,717,49p less operating costs of £2,303.05p. There was a surplus of £2,414.44p from which £1,350 was donated to The National Coastal Watch.

The net cash was £6,644.94p, from which two donations totalling £2,400 were envisaged.

The committee aimed to have a reserve of about £5,000.

There were no questions arising.

**5.** It was proposed by John Porter and seconded by Laurie Millward that the accounts be adopted and carried.

The proposal was carried.

It was recommended that £1,200 each be donated to the two GRA charities, Canine Partners and the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance. That was more than double the amount given last year.

## **6. Appointment of Auditor**

Andrew Stewart was re-appointed as the auditor.

## **7. Adoption of the updated GRA Constitution**

The Secretary advised that the revised Constitution had been sent out with the Autumn newsletter. The rules had been simplified and written in more up-to-date language.

It was proposed by Laurie Millward and seconded by Ian Hunt that the revisions be accepted.

The proposal was carried.

## **8. Changes to Membership**

Peter Hall, on behalf of Alan Wilcox, recommended that the area south of the railway line be the limit of the Road Warden area. Anyone living north of the line, would be asked to pay for postage to receive communications.

The annual fee had been £1.50p for the last ten years. Expenditure was increasing, but membership remained about the same.

It was proposed by Paul Adams and seconded by Catherine Porter that the fee be increased to £2 per person from June 2019. The proposal was carried.

## **9. Elections of Officers**

The Secretary advised that Eleanor, our current Chairman, was the only nomination for the Chair.

It was proposed by John Porter and seconded by Pat Blackman that she be elected. The proposal was carried.

The Chairman advised that there had been one nomination for each Office.

Treasurer: Herbert Herrmann

Secretary: John Gough

Membership Secretary: Alan Wilcox

Social Secretary: Alison Chapman

Web Manager: Peter Hall

It was proposed by Laurie Millward and seconded by Gill Flower that their nominations be accepted.

The proposal was carried.

## **10 Election of Committee members:**

John Hodges, Peter Robinson & Ian Hunt had been nominated.

Margaret Horton had resigned for personal reasons but would continue to be a helper.

It was proposed by John Porter and seconded by Sue Dawes that the nominations be accepted.

The proposal was carried.

## **11 Any Other Business**

There was a need for communications and publicity officers on the committee.

The Secretary would stand down before next year's AGM.

Members were asked to submit a design for a window on the pier to celebrate the Association's 75 years.

Members were advised to be aware of any proposals for additional beach huts on the sea front.

## **12 Questions to Councillors**

The Chairman thanked Nicola Waight for attending and responding to residents' concerns.

Her replies are attached to this report

The Chairman presented each charity with a donation of £1,200

Presentations were made by Canine Partners & the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance

## **Charities for 2018/19**

Members voted to support Sight Support Worthing