

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Oughtibridge Village Community Association Held at The Zion Hall, Oughtibridge.

Monday February 7th 2011

Present: Alan Chapman (Chair), Mike Joy (Secretary), Duncan Heney, Evelyn Coulson, Jack Coulson, Kath Reeves, Ian Reeves, Tom Holmes, Laura Shaw, Hazel Millington, Francesca Bethell-Collins, John Colan.

Apologies: M Morlan, J Westwood, S Millard, E Hewett, B Brooke, V Ward.

Guest : Malcolm Glover (BPC)

Item 1 - Election of chair for meeting

AC was proposed as Chair for the meeting by MJ, seconded by IR.

Item 2 - Welcome and Introductions/Apologies for Absence

AC welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies from M Morlan, J Westwood, S Millard, E Hewett and V Ward were read out by the secretary. TH passed on apologies from B Brooke.

Item 3 – Proposed items (not otherwise on agenda) for discussion under A.O.B.

None

Item 4 – To agree the minutes of the last AGM (Thursday 25th Feb, 2010)

Copies of the minutes of the last AGM were distributed by MJ and read by all attendees.

IR proposed these be accepted, KR seconded and they were agreed.

Item 5 – To approve the Annual Report (including questions)

Copies of the AGM report (prepared by AC) were distributed by MJ and read by all attendees.

Main areas covered included –

- an update on progress with the search for a site to be used or developed as a Community Centre.
- pursuing local issues such as the improvement of speed restrictions by use of mobile signs and provision of a more effective hand rail on Bridge St
- community events held during the year, including the treasure hunt, coppicing in Sensical Park, litter pick, the bird and bat box building day and assisting SVP with the Sensical Park leaflet
- submission to the City Council Rural Strategy department to re-designate two “brownfield “ sites as “greenfield” sites.

- the planting of 3,000 bulbs over winter by OVCA and other local groups and the outstanding need for a local group to manage the “Oughtibridge in Bloom” activities
- ongoing relationship with the brass band and the disappointment that the Christmas concert was cancelled due to bad weather, although the raffle was held the following week
- attendance and support of the annual Gala
- a presence at the “Down by the Riverside” event at Kelham Island
- organisation of a local history slide show, undertaken by Malcolm Nunn (the Bradfield Parish Council archivist)
- result of the July SGM resolutions (re-wording of charitable aims / adjustment to quorum definition), both having been passed unanimously

AC updated all on the latest progress of the community hall Following the rejection of the LEA to allow building on the school site, approaches have been made to owners of both of the Sports Clubs sites in the village. OWMSC may be interested in a joint venture but discussions are still ongoing. Georgia Pacific (owners of the other site) have responded favourably and may be willing to sell the site to OVCA. They are in the process of arranging a valuation and we will then decide if it is feasible to consider the purchase. The local canoe club who use the site are also very keen to work with us in securing a viable future for the site and existing building.

TH proposed the report be accepted, DH seconded and they were agreed.

Item 6 – To approve the Annual Accounts (including questions) and agree to “disapply the requirement to undertake a full professional audit”.

Copies of the OVCA accounts were distributed by MJ to all attendees and the items explained in more detail before the content was agreed by all. The meeting was asked to confirm that as the annual turnover was under the FSA limit, a majority agreed to disapply the requirement to undertake a full professional audit. This was carried unanimously.

IR proposed the accounts be accepted, KR seconded and they were agreed.

Item 7 – To note the resignation of the current committee members and elect the committee for the following year

Committee members all resigned and nominations were sort, including those submitted by members who were not able to attend the meeting. The following were proposed by MJ and seconded by JC before a vote was taken on each –

A Chapman (Chair), M Morlan (Treasurer), L Shaw, E Coulson, H Millington, J Westwood, T Holmes, D Heney, I Reeve, F Bethell-Collins.

M Joy (Secretary) was proposed by AC and seconded by IR before a vote was taken.

All were unanimously carried

Item 8 – Forthcoming local events (for information)

OVCA have continued to be involved in or instigate activities and events that are of benefit to the local community. So far for this year the following events have been confirmed :

Saturday 7th May, Time 12.00. Millennium Green Oughtibridge.
Mayfest – Refreshments and book/cd sales

Wednesday 11th May, 7.00 pm, Oughtibridge Primary School
Talk on Organic Gardening by Richard Clare

Saturday 14th May, 11.00 am. Millennium Green Oughtibridge
A Spring Clean of the centre of the village. Come and join in to brighten up the village.

Saturday 25th June, Coronation Park
Annual village Gala

Item 9 – Any Other Business.

No other items were raised.

Item 10 – Date and Time of next committee meeting

14th March, 7.30 at Pheasant Inn

The meeting ended at 7.35