Bedgrove Residents' and Community Association

Minutes of the AGM

Held at the Scout Hut Dover Hedge

On 14th May 2019

The AGM of the Residents' Association took place on the 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scout Hut at Dover Hedge. Approx 21 people attended including committee members.

Committee members attending Chris Barnett, Jo Cheek, Kim Wassell, Trish Pullen, Mark Broad, Phil Droy. Tom Hunter- Watts.

Apologies received from Mark Winn

Welcome and Introduction.

- At the beginning of the meeting the Chairman Chris Barnett welcomed all residents, and Introduced the committee members who were present, and said anyone who would like to join the committee would be most welcome.

Chairman's Report – Chris Barnett

- Chris advised it had been a good year for the committee, they had been contacted by residents via the website/email/ telephone and always help where they can. Chris explained that the committee did not have any powers or political interests but could pass queries onto the relevant Councillors.
- Chris talked about the newly installed Defibrillator fitted to Bedgrove Surgery outside wall, and also one that had been installed by Bedgrove Dynamos at Bedgrove Park.
- Chris advised about the new Aylesbury Garden Town Status and meetings which were being attended by committee member Mark Broad.
- The Day on the Park – 13th July 2019 going ahead Dog show and Car show already booked.

Treasurers Report – Jo Cheek

- Copies of the Year ended 31st March 2019 accounts were available for those attending.
- Jo advised that now the only income was from advertising, donations and Day on the Park.
- Our main costs this year were the Defibrillator, the newsletter printing twice yearly and the maintenance cost for the Defibrillator which would cost approx. £150 per year.

Magazine/Newsletter – Jo Cheek

- Jo advised that the newsletter was only produced twice a year, with costs for printing, and some income from the advertising.
- Any donations would be welcome as there are no charges to residents now for the newsletter.

Street Stewards report – Jennifer Suggs

- Jennifer explained that there were 2000 copies of the newsletter printed, these were then sorted and counted by 8 people and then distributed to 30 Stewards to be delivered to all homes on the Bedgrove Estate.
- Jennifer introduced Mrs Cole who had been delivery the newsletter since the committee started in 1960's. Chris thanked her for her service and presented her with a card and flowers.

Website

- Chris introduced Mark Broad who is now looking after the website. He advised it had received approx. 200 views per month.
- There are uploaded photos, footage, useful information links and also history information on the site, but he would be pleased to receive any suggestions for future additions

Election of Officers

- The Following Committee members were all proposed and seconded and duly re-elected. Jo Cheek as Treasurer. Chris Barnett as Chair, and members Mark Broad, Trish Pullen and Phil Droy. Jenny Suggs was also continuing.
- Kim Wassell was stepping down as Secretary and from the committee and this AGM would be her last meeting. Jo presented flowers and prosecco to Kim and Chris thanked her for her work over the last 5 years. Trish would stand in temporarily until a new secretary was found.
- Chris advised anyone who would like to join would be very welcome.

Councillors Reports – Mark Winn

- Chris advised that Mark Winn had sent an update in as he was not able to attend due to a minor accident.
- The update included :-
- News on the no 8 Bus - he would be hoping to announce good news following a meeting with Arriva they would consider additional buses covering Welbeck Avenue, details to be confirmed.
- Crossings – Hampden field would build additional crossings, a zebra crossing on Bedgrove Road and a pelican crossing by Sainsbury's. 1000 signatures were collected from residents. The lay by adjacent to the petrol station will be reconfigured too.
- Roads and Infrastructure. – Hampden Fields would build a dual carriageway through the development. Also there is a bid of £200M for roads, schools, electric. grid and land assembly, cycle paths. Decision for Oxford/Cambridge expressway expected later this year.

- ASB – Closure order on Greetham Road House. Police Operation on Halloween to deal with issues of fireworks. Mark thanked the Neighbourhood policing team and encouraged residents to continue reporting to 101 or if a crime is being committed to 999
- Rough Sleeper – Jansel Square – He is receiving support from Aylesbury Housing Action Group
- Bedgrove Park – Trees planted in the Spinney from the Rotary Club, thank you to those who helped at the litter pick including Denise and Kim. Work is taking place on Tennis Courts ready for early summer.
- Unitary – New Unitary council for Buckinghamshire will be set up from April 2020. Bedgrove will be amalgamated into the County Ward of Aylesbury East including Oakfield.

Questions from Residents

- A resident asked about the House on the Park – who owned it.
- A resident asked about the RAF houses at the end of Ambleside and what would happen to them when Halton closed – a resident at the meeting said they would be used by RAF Wycombe employee's
- Road leading from Pavilion on the Park, questions asked who was responsible? And how could the parking be stopped. – parking wardens? Tom advised highways because of the yellow lines. – Schools should be contacted and football clubs. Kim advised Dynamos were very considerate on Saturday morning and had stopped parking on the park grass.
- Resident asked about low water pressure on the estate. Most people said water pressure was ok.
- Question on new tennis courts – They will be free to use and open 24 hours.
- Question on buses, resident asked if they were still being monitored as the first 2 buses in the morning were the busiest. School children would also be affected. A shortage of drivers was mentioned.
- A resident mentioned possible CCTV for Jansel Square and Bedgrove Park, Tom advised that would have to go through Jansel Square Management Company.
  It was thought there were already CCTV cameras at the Pavillion
- It was advised that the Bedgrove website was not easy to use on a mobile.
- A resident talked about promoting healthy lifestyles and 1/2/3/5k walks within the town, in Bicester this is funded by nhs public health. Tom thought this could be something to be discussed within the new 'Garden Town' status.
- A resident talked about the posts on Bedgrove Facebook site and problems with Youths, she asked if there was a Youth Service in Aylesbury. Mark Winn and the police are working together and it is an ongoing issue.

Meeting Closed approx. 8.35pm

Refreshments were served.