

North West Bassett Residents' Association (NWBRA)
Thirteenth Annual General Meeting,
Wednesday 25 April 2018
St Michael's Parish Hall, Bassett Avenue, Southampton.

Minutes

1) Refreshments and Welcome

The Chair, Pete Garvey, welcomed the members and prospective members attending the meeting and was pleased that two of our City Councillors were in attendance. Refreshments and informal discussion preceded the formal meeting.

Thanks were offered to Tref Mitchell and Jacqueline Pye for preparing the splendid drinks and nibbles.

2) Presentation

This year we had a presentation by Steve Morant from the Bobby Trust part of the Blue Lamp Trust. Steve informed the group about security at home and what he and his colleagues can do in giving advice and fitting security devices in the homes for vulnerable people and pensioners. It was a very comprehensive and well received presentation.

3) Apologies were received from;

Mr Chris Witt, Mrs Sara Merrett and Mrs Beryl Garvey.
Approximately 35 people attended the meeting.

4) Minutes of the AGM held on 5 April 2017.

The Minutes were accepted unanimously and it was Proposed by Tref Mitchell and Seconded by Alan Guppy that the Minutes be taken as read. All attending were in favour.

5) Report on activities during the year and future plans.

The Chair gave a brief presentation on the year's events.

There had been a number of concerns about car parking brought to the attention of the Committee last year and it was only now that matters at Roman Road and Chilworth Road were being actioned by the City Council's Agents. No waiting and controlled waiting areas were being signed and it would no doubt be monitored by local residents. Other parking problems in the area through student parking and car dealership parking had also been considered during the year but the problems of control had not yet been resolved.

6) Membership Fees

As provided in the Association's Constitution the annual membership subscription is considered at each Annual General Meeting. It was proposed by Chair Pete Garvey and seconded by Secretary Bob Merrett that the annual subscription be increased from £3 per household to £5 per household. This proposal was put to the meeting and was carried.

At the conclusion of the vote, a question was put as to the date when the increased subscription would be implemented. The member understood that the increase would take effect the following year. However the Constitution only says that "Members shall pay an annual subscription to be agreed at each Annual General Meeting". As a consequence it was agreed that the increase could take immediate effect.

7) Annual Accounts

Interim Treasurer John Pye presented the Annual Accounts for the period to the 31 December 2017. He explained that Vinod Chopra, who was appointed Treasurer at last year's AGM, had been quite ill and reluctantly had to stand down. John was co-opted to

the Committee and had very helpfully stood in and finished preparing the Accounts for the year. The Accounts, which showed an income of £211 and expenditure of £235.80 leaving a deficit for the year of £24.80. The accumulated balance in reserves stood at £1283.97 were proposed to be accepted by John Kelly and seconded by John Hunt and agreed unanimously.

8) Committee Nominations

All the nominations for membership of the Association's Committee as outlined in the Agenda paper, were proposed by Cllr Beryl Harris and seconded by John Hunt and were agreed by the meeting without debate. In particular, Pete Garvey was elected as Chair, Bob Merrett was elected as Secretary and John Pye was elected as Treasurer. Tref Mitchell, Jacqueline Pye and Alan Guppy were confirmed as Committee members. In addition, two members stood for a position on the Committee from the floor. They were Adesh Joshi and Mike Murray and were proposed by Chair Pete Garvey and Seconded by Secretary Bob Merrett and were elected unanimously.

The Committee for 2018/19 would consist of:

Pete Garvey Chair
John Pye Treasurer
Bob Merrett Secretary
Tref Mitchell
Jacqueline Pye
Adesh Joshi
Alan Guppy
Mike Murray

On the appointment of John Pye as Treasurer, the Chair and the meeting thanked John for stepping into the role and wished Vinod Chopra well following his illness and pending move out of the District.

9) Appointment of Auditor

Mrs Sara Merrett was proposed by Chair Pete Garvey and Seconded by Tref Mitchell. She was agreed as Hon Auditor without a vote.

10) AOB

It was noted that road works to Bassett Avenue were being completed during the nights of the week commencing the 30 April. However the works would not close Bassett Avenue on Thursday 3 May as access would be needed to the St Michael's Church Hall for that day's local government election.

A local resident wanted to inform the meeting that a recent planning application for a property in Bassett Avenue, which had given rise to objections, would be withdrawn and proposals amended taking into account the comments the first application had received. The resident wanted to obtain the meeting's approval but recognised that comments could only be made in response to the City Council's Planning application process.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Bob Merrett
Secretary