

Annual General Meeting Minutes

The Village Society held its Annual General Meeting at 8pm on June the 4th in the Village Hall Meeting room.

Minutes

1. Apologies.

Charles Pearson, Cheryl Braime

Present.

Jane Fairbank, Des Parker, Murray Campbell, Phil Scattergood,
Joe O'Connell, Jill Lye, Gilly Whitelaw, Ian Purser, David
Baldwin
Nigel and Muna Roberts.

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John & Ann May

Absent.

Paul Thompson

2. Minutes of Last Years Meeting.

Kindly Read by Murray Campbell and duly agreed as a Fair Record.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

Des Parker then gave his report as follows:-

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 35th AGM of Bramley Village Society. At the moment there is much suspicion about how public funds are spent but I can confirm that the people of Bramley have not paid the Interest on any Mortgage I currently have or indeed any mortgage I may have paid off and forgotten about! I do not have a moat nor ducks to re-house!

Funds raised by BVS are spent on Facilitating Social Events and works to improve the social fabric and improving the appearance of the village!

As with most years it is only when you look back that you realize how things have changed and what has been actioned.

Over the past year our Ploughman's Lunch was held in Keith and Fiona Haywoods Garden at Vine House. It was very successful with more families and a mix of ages than in some years. The sun shone and over £300 was raised for society funds!

Bonfire continues to be a social highlight and although the recession held back income, this display was as superb as ever and the Income still exceeded expenditure.

The Newcomers meeting this year, as well as the usual Clubs and Societies, we had representatives from the Rutland Group from Dunsfold Park and 'Stop Dunsfold New Town Group'. Prior to the evening there was some apprehension that having both parties in the

same room would dampen the usual light atmosphere, but allowing people to make up their own minds by presenting both cases resulted in a lot more open discussion and had the added benefit, for one your couple, of gaining much valued tickets to 'Top Gear'

In conclusion he thanked the Committee for their help over the year, Cheryl Braime who for personal reasons was retiring from the Committee and most particularly Gilly Whitelaw who unfortunately for the Society was moving south. He reminded the Committee of all the work she has done over the years, said how much we shall miss her willingness and cheerful personality, but wished her and Ian well in their retirement.

5. Adoption of Accounts

Joe O'Connell supplied the Secretary with a master copy of the Accounts signed by himself, duly verified and signed by Alan Deal. Copies were then supplied to all present.

Joe summarized them as he had tried to set them out in a slightly clearer format than in previous years. Followed by a Q & A session

Page 1 Showed the separate Funds within BVS with their individual Incomes, Expenses and Surplus/Deficits. Followed by a summary of their 2008 Balances, Movement, Allocated Interest resulting in their 2009 Balances with identification of where they are invested together with sums due. Currently a total of £29,225.12

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Showed details of the Income and Expenditure of the Society including the National Savings account.

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Showed details of the Bramley Wheels accounts for the previous 15months to bring them in line with BVS accounting dates.

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A suggested split for the charges for Public Liability Insurance organized by BVS for most of the Villages other Societies.

A note that due to a delay in getting the Interest details for 2008 a nominal £500 was allocated and duly corrected in this years accounts. Finally confirmation that Bramley Wheels which as Bramley Samaritans was not included in the BVS accounts for 2008.

John May asked for details of the Grafham Room Loan which appeared to be Interest Free. It was explained that it was granted Interest Free as a loan to enable the Grafham Room to complete it's improvements to comply with the Disabled access requirements and would be repaid from Grants and Fund raising which was ongoing. Meanwhile the Trustees of the Grafham Room had formally accepted liability for this loan. It was originally £5,040 and was being repaid by Standing Order of £140 per month and in the accounts stood at £4,480.

The Insurance Split, was duly agreed, as was the Adoption of the Accounts, Proposed by John May and Seconded by Phil Scattergood.

6. Election of Officers

Jane Fairbank took the Chair and commencing by saying thank you to the Committee for all the work that they do.

She stated that the existing Officers were prepared to continue for another year and Des Parker, Chairman, Murray Campbell, Vice Chairman, Phil Scattergood, Secretary and Joe O'Connell, Treasurer were duly elected.

7. Election of Committee

Des Parker took back the Chair and said that the existing Committee was willing to stand again with the exception of Gilly Whitelaw who was leaving the area and Cheryl Braime who was finding personal commitments clashing with meeting dates. Paul Thompson though not present had indicated that he was happy to stand.

Ian Purser, Paul Thompson, Charles Pearson, Jill Lye, Muna and Nigel Roberts were duly elected.

8. Revision of Constitution as per variation notified in latest Newsletter.

Murray explained that it was proposed to make the following change to the Constitution 'That with effect from 1st May 2009 and until further notice (following a resolution passed in General Meeting) the requirement for all annual subscriptions should be suspended'

This confirmed the situation that ALL residents of the Parish of Bramley were now members of the BVS, currently Free of Charge, and that the Society would raise Funds for specific purposes as and when required.

9. AOB.

None

The AGM was followed by the Monthly meeting of the Committee.