

Ellisfield Village Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29 June 2016

At Ellisfield Memorial Hall, 8.00pm

Attendance: Dee Haas, Ali Swanston, Tony Simmons, Zani Robinson, Nicki Palmer, Katie Spraggs, Pat Pegg, Richard Haas

1 Welcome

Dee Haas, EVA's Chairman, welcomed and thanked everyone for sparing the time to attend the AGM.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from; Hannah Houstin-Lacey, Joanne Thomas, Susie Deane, Ted Dowson.

3 Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 8 April 2016

The minutes were approved. Proposed by Ali Swanston and seconded by Tony Simmons.

4 Chairman's Report

Dee Haas presented her report, please see attached.

5 Treasurer's Report

Tony Simmons presented his report, please see attached.

6 Election of Officers and Committee Members

Chairman – Dee Haas

Proposed by Tony Simmons and seconded by Nicki Palmer. Unanimously agreed.

Treasurer – Tony Simmons

Proposed by Ali Swanston and seconded by Dee Haas. Unanimously agreed.

Secretary – Ali Swanston

Proposed by Dee Haas and seconded by Katie Spraggs. Unanimously agreed.

Memorial Hall Committee Representative – Ali Swanston

Proposed by Dee Haas and seconded by Zani Robinson. Unanimously agreed.

EVA Committee Members - Susie Deane, Katie Spraggs

Proposed by Dee Haas and seconded by Tony Simmons. Unanimously agreed

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Vote of Thanks

Zani Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to the Bushywarren Liaison Committee

and all the good work they are doing. This inter-village initiative has created, through adversity, a positive link up with Herriard Village.

Nicki Palmer thanked the Committee for all the work they do, “they tackle problems and challenges and just get on with it”.

Dee Haas thanked Nicki Palmer for leading the organisation of the children’s party which took place 11 June in celebration of Her Majesty’s 90th Birthday. 35 children attended.

7.2 Solar Farm Noise

Susie Deane can hear noise from her garden. The farm now accepts that there is a noise (caused by a cheap fan installation at the time of building). The Bushywarren Liaison Committee will be ensuring this matter is addressed.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm.



Annual Report 2016

Thank you to everyone for joining us tonight. Particular thanks go to all of the EVA committee and friends of the committee who have worked throughout the year on the various projects. Also to Ali Swanston and Tony Simmons for their able help in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

I will keep the update on those as short as possible and hope you will join us for some nibbles afterwards.

Autumn Tree Walk

In November 2015 we organised a wonderful and well attended Late Autumn Tree Walk, kindly led by Julian Evans who talked about the old trees in the Churchyard, and taught us how to plant a young tree, ready for our free tree planting initiative.

Thanks to Susie Deane who organised the tree walk and co-ordinated the free trees.

Free Tree Planting

We were able to take advantage of an offer from OVO of free trees and distributed young trees to everyone in Ellisfield who wanted them. Species planted were Oak, Beech, Hornbeam Wild Cherry and Crab Apple.

Bushywarren Lane Businesses

Late last year we were able to pressurise HCC to set up a liaison panel to handle issues of a planning or operational nature and improve communication between the community and the companies based there. The first meeting of the Bushywarren Businesses Liaison Panel, was on 18th January and Susie Deane and I attended it, representing EVA and Ellisfield.

The liaison panel, chaired by Anna McNair Scott, our County Councillor brings together the County Council Planning Dept., Veolia, Barfoots Bio Energy and the Solar Farm with EVA, Ellisfield Parish Council, Herriard Parish Council, Herriard Estate and residents of Herriard and Ellisfield. There will be meetings three times per year.

Through keeping pressure up on Barfoot AD plant, over £200,00 worth of pipework has now been laid to prevent tanker journeys on the roads. The maize and grass harvest will also use routes to keep impact on residents to a minimum.

Issues discussed include the high-pitched whine emitted by the solar farm, light pollution from Barfoots, litter from Veolia and the lack of a promised dormouse bridge. Since the first meeting there has been progress on some of these issues and we feel that the liaison panel is a valuable forum for us to resolve problems.

HM the Queen's 90th Birthday Children's Party

We helped Ed and Laura Fellows to organise a children's party and sponsored a very smart bouncy castle for it. It was a great success and we hope to put on another children's event next year.

Other projects;

Cycle Track from Alton to Basingstoke – ongoing and two members of EVA will be attending a meeting next week.

Dee Haas Chair



Treasurers report 29.06.16

I cannot match what our Chairman has had to say so I will keep my comments as short as possible.

It was a quiet year for EVA but the tree walk was well supported and we were able to provide a new stock of young trees for the village. More recently we had the Queen’s birthday celebrations, and, EVA was pleased to provide the bouncy castle for one of these events – although the expenditure for that will be reflected in the current years accounts. Unfortunately I was unable to enjoy these, due to a previously arranged event.

Our account is still looking healthy and we received membership contributions from 29 households – a considerable increase from the 21 received during the previous year. But a new year has commenced and I am afraid that it is time to dip into your pockets again so please feel free to see me after the meeting to reinforce the coffers – I will be more than happy to separate you from your hard earned pennies.

Thank you all for your continuing support

EVA Accounts Year End 31.3.16

Income				Expenditure		
Carried forward from last year cash and bank	£1,155.02					
Membership fees 2015/16	£240.00					
				Printing re membership and tree walk		£65.00
				Julian Evans re tree walk		£38.19
				Cash		£60.00
				Bank balance		£1,231.83
Total income	£1,395.02					£1,395.02