

GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 27th September 2020 at 7.30pm
Zoom Video Conference (Online)

Present - John Golledge (Chairman), Shirley Challis (Treasurer), Andrew Hodge, Barnaby Moore, Stan Jones, together with 12 attendees.

Apologies – Jackie Goodfellow, Peter Jackling

Adoption of the draft minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were proposed as adopted by Sheila Jarman, seconded by Andrew Hodge and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report for the year ended 30th June 2020

The Chairman's Report highlighted the following points:

- Covid19 has hugely impacted GKRA activity in 2020.
- Fireworks display in 2019 made a loss - low ticket sales and cost of replacing weather damaged equipment to blame.
- Cheese and Wine cancelled due to poor ticket sales. Two other events that proceeded as usual were the Remembrance Day Service, village Christmas carols and Village Quiz in February. Lockdown led to cancellation of all subsequent planned events.
- Thanks given to Lucy Partington, Mel McNelly and their teams for spearheading village assistance programs during Covid-19.
- Thanks given to Rose Meech for work on the newsletter. Any contributions are appreciated. An appeal was made for new advertisers to address current shortfall between production cost vs advertising revenue.
- Fireworks display in 2020 cancelled due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.
- GKRA continues to monitor speeding in the village, via Speed Indication Machines (MVAS) and Speedwatch sessions (in collaboration with NAG – currently on hiatus due to Covid-19), review all planning applications that could affect the village, assist HPC try to overcome drug dealing problem in village car park, litter and dog mess issues
- Thanks go to Trevor Bateman for his work in keeping the village planters in flower.
- Thanks given to current GKRA committee members and an appeal made for new committee members to join GKRA.
- Best wishes given to Mike and Hannah Blowing formerly of the Spar Shop following their move to Pembrokeshire.
- David Jarman, who passed away in late 2019, was remembered.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for the year to 30th June 2020

The Treasurer presented the audited Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2020:

Income and expenditure - net loss for the year of £818.82

Balance sheet as of 30th June 2020 - accumulated funds at year end - £6046.79

Key points:

- The accounts for the last year show a loss of just over £800. This was due to lack of attendance at Fireworks in 2019, and the GKRA newsletter which continues to run at a loss. Rose Meech editor of the Great Kingshill Newsletter reiterated the comments about the need for more advertisers.
- Adoption of the accounts, proposed by John Grover, and seconded by Stan Jones.

The Committee and Officers

Officer & Committee Elections

John Golledge agreed to remain as chairman. Shirley Challis had completed her third year as treasurer, but there being no other volunteers for the post, under the amended constitution she agreed to remain for a fourth year. Jackie Goodfellow agreed to serve a further year as secretary.

Officer Elections	Proposed	Seconded
John Golledge – Chair	Shirley Challis	Rose Meech
Shirley Challis – Treasurer	Sheila Jarman	Jill Jackling
Jackie Goodfellow – Secretary	Shirley Challis	Stan Jones

The remaining committee members (Trevor Bateman, Andrew Hodge, Brian Naylor, Stan Jones and Barnaby Moore) were elected en bloc. Proposed: Jill Jackling, seconded: Anna Young.

Neighbourhood Watch, Street Association and NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) – Stan Jones

- Big increase in both emailed and telephoned scams, Neighbourhood Watch can provide reminder stickers for computers/phones as a reminder of the dangers of potential scams.
- New Superintendent (Emma Burroughs) and Chief Inspector (Michelle Sale) at High Wycombe police station.
- One Can Trust boxes do not seem to be as well supported as before.
- Speed signs have been maintained during the lockdown, but there has been no access to police stations to generate letters to speeding motorists. Training is now required to join Community Speedwatch.
- Poor and inconsiderate parking notices are now available from Stan. Litter pickers are also available from Stan.
- Drug dealers in the HPC car parking areas should be reported to the police on 101 (registration details etc)
- There has been one burglary of a residential property, one of business premises in our area. Sheds were broken into in Heath End Rd and letterboxes tampered with in Hatches Lane. A suggestion was made by Kate Golledge, that another reminder about One Can Trust should be made.

Buckinghamshire Council – David Carroll

- Currently 5 councillors for this area, but in May this will reduce to 3.
- Cockpit Road resurfacing has now been done, along with an area of pavement at Cryers Hill.
- Council hopes to erect a notice in Hatches Lane, saying it is unsuitable for heavy traffic.
- Binders Yard has received outline planning permission.

Hughenden Parish Council – Paul Nicholls

- Rick Gould congratulated for his 25 years as a parish councillor.
- Steve Broadbent and David Carroll are our local councillors.
- Speeding is the responsibility of the police, while traffic problems are the responsibility of the Bucks Council.
- Hedges are the responsibility of the parish council, but if they are privately owned the landowner must be contacted first. If no response, the council may trim the hedge and endeavour to claim the cost back from the landowner.
- There are plans for the old allotment area, with provision of a bench, trees and flowers etc.
- The playground area is promised more equipment.
- Hedges are being kept short around the council parking area to make it more visible and the possibility of the addition of low-level lighting and CCTV will aid prosecutions. This should hopefully make drug dealers more visible and hopefully deter them.
- There is to be an objectives meeting to plan the HPC program for the next 8 months.
- Council elections will happen next May and if anyone is prepared to offer themselves for election, Paul is happy to explain what it involves.

Questions/Comments to Councillors

- Kerry Ball asked about the overgrown hedges on Missenden Rd which make it dangerous for parents walking their children to school and commented on the fact that parking for school parents was very difficult in that area.
- John Grover asked who owned Cockpit Hole. It belongs to neither the Parish, nor the Bucks Council, but the Parish Council will look after it and the pond itself is due to have its annual clean. Thanks were given to Steve Binder who paid for the painting of the railings and general repairs to concrete and benches.
- Jane Lawson asked (via Facebook) about the environmental impact of school traffic in Pipers Lane. David Carroll said he would email the bursar and find out what, if anything, is being done about it.
- Rose Meech spoke of the possibility of putting a footpath in the field adjacent to the road so that Hatches Lane could be used as a drop off point. Andrew Hodge pointed out that this would be dangerous as Hatches Lane has a speed limit of 60 mph.
- Further discussion followed about park and walk schemes (although nothing definite had been heard from the schools), pavement parking problems in Four Ashes Rd, and the 30/40 speed limit signs that are obscured by hedges.

The Chairman's Report highlighted the following points:

Dates for Diaries

With the current pandemic regulations, no forward dates have been made.

Any Other Business

- Jill Jackling said that the village hall is now "open for business", subject to Covid regulations.
- Kate Golledge asked if was possible to arrange something for the elderly at Christmas.
- Thanks were given to John Meech for auditing the accounts

The meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed:

Date:

26/9/21