



PATRON: Lady Elizabeth Godsal MBE, DL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at The Age Concern Centre

1. Present:

Patron: Lady Elizabeth Godsal

Officers: Daniel Taylor - Chairman, Alex Barfield- Vice Chairman, John March - Secretary, Gisela Sharpe – Treasurer.

Executive Members: Lindsay Ferris, Gordon Storey, Neil Cartwright, Rob Yeadon and Bridget Ditcham

Others: 9 members and non-members attended.

2. Welcome: Daniel Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Neil Robertson.

3. Presentation by Neil Robertson. Neil explained the structure and operation of the First Responders network. They are all volunteers and are called out when someone dials 999 for an ambulance for more serious issues such as a cardiac arrest. They have a team size of 3-4 which they hope to increase to 6 to be able to provide better cover during the working week. They also provide training under Call Push Rescue in how to respond to cardiac arrest for community groups of a minimum of 12 persons He then went on to talk about the Public Access Defibrillator network. The use of these is only one part of a process where it is also important to call an ambulance and start CPR before their use. Neil gave details about the Twyford network where there are 9 units at present with plans for two more in the near future. There was a handout giving details of their locations. He explained about the ones provided by the British Heart Foundation being left unlocked for easy access which led to one being stolen. Crowd funding was successful in raising enough money to replace the stolen unit and thanks to a donation from Shanley Foundation we have enough to pay for another unit. All boxes are now locked to prevent this happening again and regular checks are made to confirm they are in working order. Neil finished by showing a video which explains how to carry out CPR.

4. Apologies: Paul Cassidy and Emma Donald

5. Minutes of 2017 AGM: The minutes of the 2017 AGM held on 18th April 2017, which have been posted on the Twyford Together website, were approved by a unanimous vote.

6. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

7. Financial Report: The Treasurer Gisela Sharpe presented the Twyford Together Finance Report for 1st January – 31st December 2017

Figures in themselves are interesting but they do represent an awful lot of hard work, time and energy by the Chairman, the officers, the executive committee, the Xmas Fayre committee and all the volunteers and on that thought I would like to close my treasurers report for the year.

Copy of Income and Expenditure Account attached. (Subject to audit).

8. Chairman's Report: Daniel provided a handout and talked about the various projects that Twyford Together organise listed on it such as: Safe Together – the installation of defibrillators around the village. Family Together – the fun run, Xmas Fayre etc. Care Together – charities together, Christmas lunches etc. Band Together – TwyFest and the Advent calendar. Work Together – spend it in Twyford and Business Forum activities. Proud Together- Twyford in bloom and hanging baskets. Healthy Together – Italian market, fruit trees for schools and dementia awareness. He thanked all the persons involved in running these activities for the benefit of the village.

9. Election of Officers: The following officers have been nominated for election:

Chairman – Mr Daniel Taylor

Vice-Chairman – Mr Alex Barfield

Secretary – Mr John March

Treasurer – Mrs Gisela Sharpe

There were no other nominations and the above officers were elected by a unanimous vote.

10. Council Representatives to the Twyford Together Executive Committee Meetings:

These representatives have to be nominated by their respective councils to represent their respective councils to attend Twyford Together Executive Committee meetings. We await confirmation of who this will be for the coming year.

11. Election of Members to the Executive Committee: The following members have been nominated for election:

Mr Gordon Storey – Business Forum.

Mrs Emma Donald – Web Site and Publicity Co-ordinator.

Mr Paul Cassidy – Environmental Group

Mr Neil Cartwright – Events Group

Mr Rob Yeadon - Committee member

There were no other nominations and the above members were elected by a unanimous vote.

12. Adoption of Revised Constitution. John March explained the changes to the Business Forum membership fees structure introduced to ease administration. This requires some minor changes to 3 clauses in the constitution so it covers the new arrangements. Adoption of revised constitution agreed unanimously.

13. Any Other Business: The secretary has been contacted by the Chair of the Henley Branch Line User Group asking if anyone is prepared to be a representative for Twyford on the group. If anyone is interested the secretary has the contact information.

Jane Holmes expressed her thanks for all the support provided by Twyford Together.

Tricia Miller asked how to get the diversion signs left after the completion of road works removed. Borough Councillor Lindsay Ferris said that if she provides him with details of their location he will speak to WBC Highways to get them removed.

The formal meeting closed at 9.02 pm.