



# Sandhurst Residents Association

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 8:00pm in the Day Centre, Sandhurst

### Present:

Executive Members: Richard Mathews      President  
 Val Crosby-Clarke      Chairman  
 David Vousden      Vice-Chairman and Secretary  
 Jennie Ogden      Treasurer  
 Mike Weston      Magazine Copy Editor  
 Linda Rose      Minutes Secretary and Advertising Manager  
 Clive Sayer      CMRA  
 Karen Vousden  
 Diane Wilson  
 Sue O'Sullivan  
 Nicholette Deakin

Others:                      9 residents  
 Apologies:                John Coupland

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome:</b>          Richard Mathews welcomed those present to the 58th AGM.          It was pleasing to see residents attending the AGM.          A Residents Association exists to help residents with issues that need escalating to town and borough councils or commercial groups. Sandhurst Residents Association has helped with getting the pedestrian crossing by the station installed; the footpath under the Swan Lane railway bridge; the flooding of residents' gardens from RMA ground and the signage at Rackstraw Farm. The SRA also supports local groups by raising money from the production of the quarterly magazine that is distributed to projects that benefit the Sandhurst community.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Apologies for absence received from John Coupland.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>GDPR</b>          Owing to the changes in data security enhanced by the recent GDPR, the SRA Constitution has been amended to include a Data Policy. This amendment was read to the meeting and a vote of acceptance was held, which was unanimously passed. The updated Constitution is attached to these minutes and will be placed on the SRA website.          Proposed: Clive Sayer;                      Seconded: Sue O'Sullivan</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Accuracy of Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b>          The minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were a true record of that meeting.          Proposed: Jennie Ogden; Seconded: Councillor Hill           Carried unanimously.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b>          There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM.</p>

**4 Chairman's Report:**

We had no idea how many residents would come along tonight and thought many might be catching up with things you should have done while you were watching Wimbledon or the football or both! Thank you for being here.

At our AGM last year we had the new Inspector for our area, John Donachy, as our speaker. Shortly after, we discovered he had been promoted and had gone. Our police team was moved to Wokingham then back to Bracknell again with the new Inspector Al Lloyd, who, when I met him three months ago, said he would not be staying in our area for much longer. So it looked as if chaos ruled. We then discovered that PC Campion was being moved from our area. It was decided that we had to challenge the decision and along with a number of others we wrote to Superintendent Virtue, copying it to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. It took a time for a reply, but we all got the same letter from Superintendent Virtue, saying that Gary would be remaining in Sandhurst, he was never going to be moved and he didn't understand where the idea had come from, so we all got it wrong. I think not. However, we still have PC Campion with all the important local knowledge he has. After being banned by the Police from putting his important contribution in the SRA magazine, once it was announced in the magazine, he was then told he could continue.

Beefeater agreed to acknowledge Rackstraw Farm on their sign after a long campaign by the SRA, Councillor Michael Brossard and Jackie Whitbread who put up an online petition for residents to sign. Many residents wrote or phoned Beefeater to say they would not be frequenting their establishment in the future. A very, very small corporate style sign was attached to the bottom of the pub sign, a poor effort by Beefeater. In their advertising they refer to it as Rackstraws Farm with an "S" which is incorrect.

When I took over as Chairman, our then President Bob Robinson asked me to keep the SRA moving forward when he left the area, and that we have done. We now have a quarterly Liaison meeting with the Town Council representatives and the other Residents Associations, which is working well. I am co-opted onto the Leisure Committee along with several Sports Club representatives, which is helpful for everyone. I also attend Neighbourhood Action Group meetings with representatives from the Council and the Police. Our magazine has grown into something we are very proud of. Under the Editor Derrick Hartley it went from black & white to colour, more pages, better paper and is much improved. Mike Swaddling has settled in well after taking over as Editor from Nicholette Deakin. The income from the magazine allows us to make donations to local groups and clubs, thanks to the hard work of our Advertising Manager Linda Rose.

**5 Treasurer's Report:**
**Audited Accounts:**

 Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Current Account	£3,858
Reserve Account	£25,420
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>£29,278</b>
Creditors payable within one year	(£773)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>£28,505</b>

**Donations:**

Redz	£400
Sandhurst Counselling Service	£500
St Michael's Winspire project	£1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,900</b>

The Accounts were accepted.

Proposed: K Vousden      Seconded: C Sayer

Carried unanimously.

**6 Election of Officers and Executive Committee**

Richard Mathews thanked the Committee for their work during the past year. The current committee resigned. All members were willing to continue. The election of officers was put to a show of hands and the following were elected unanimously:

Val Crosby-Clarke	Chairman
David Vousden	Vice-Chairman
David Vousden	Secretary
Jennie Ogden	Treasurer
Linda Rose	Minutes Secretary

The election of the remaining members of the proposed committee was put to a show of hands and the following were proposed by Georgina Carson, selected by Michael Brossard and unanimously elected:

John Coupland	Recycling Officer
Mike Weston	Magazine Sub-Editor
Clive Sayer	CMRA
Sue O'Sullivan	LLRA
Nicholette Deakin	
Karen Vousden	
Diane Wilson	

	<p>Mike Swaddling is not a member of the Executive Committee but is willing to continue to carry out the role of Magazine Editor.</p> <p>The Honorary President is elected by the Executive Committee every three years. The election took place in January 2018 and Richard Mathews was unanimously re-elected.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Votes of Thanks</b></p> <p>To Val Crosby-Clarke for attending all the committees and keeping the Executive Committee well informed.</p> <p>Val Crosby-Clarke expressed her thanks to all committee members for their attendance and work on behalf of the Sandhurst residents.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>AOB:</b> None</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Presentation on the Neighbourhood Policing Team</b></p> <p>PC Gary Champion, of the Thames Valley Police gave an interesting talk about his time as a police officer in Sandhurst and how policing has changed over the years of his service. He mentioned the preventative work that he and his colleagues carry out in the local schools, identifying at an early stage those individuals at danger of being seduced by drugs gangs and persuading them onto a more positive path.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p>The meeting closed at 8:45pm</p>