



Sandhurst Residents Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 17th July, 2017 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
	John Coupland	Recycling Officer
	Mike Weston	Magazine Copy Editor
	Linda Rose	Minutes Secretary and Advertising Manager
	Clive Sayer	CMRA
	Karen Vousden	
	Diane Wilson	
Others:	22 residents	
Apologies:	Sue O'Sullivan, Nicholette Deakin	

1	<p>Welcome: Richard Mathews welcomed those present to the 58th AGM. It was pleasing to see residents attending the AGM. The SRA Executive Committee are themselves residents of Sandhurst, volunteering their time to put something back in to the community. We raise funds through the publication of the quarterly magazine and use the money to support local groups and organisations who apply for funding. This has become more necessary over the last year with the reduction in funding available from council and government organisations. The list of groups who have benefitted during the last year can be seen in the accounts. We also tackle issues of interest to the residents of Sandhurst. We will be discussing during future meetings how we can be more pro-active in this, but we will always be dependant to some extent on residents drawing problems to our attention. Contact details are published in the magazine, on the SRA Facebook page and on the SRA website.</p>
2	<p>Accuracy of Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the AGM held on 20th June 2016 were a true record of that meeting. Proposed: C Sayer; Seconded: K Vousden Carried unanimously.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM.</p>
4	<p>Chairman's Report: Owing to government cutbacks BFC is having to reduce its contribution to Sandhurst Town Council, and our local clubs, groups and the Day Centre will suffer in the future. We will support them as we have for many years. This year, we have decided to step up our donations as much as we can to help them. However, the damage that is taking place repeatedly at the Sandhurst Football Club, the Cricket Club and now the new Tug of War premises has reached unacceptable levels. The Tug of War team are World Champions and could have missed being able to compete at that level this year but for the hard work and effort they had to put in to build somewhere to train after their training area was totally destroyed. These clubs encourage our young people to take up sports and they are doing well, which is good for them and for the community. It is so</p>

disheartening for the volunteers running these clubs to have to spend so much of their time and effort raising funds to repair damage only to have to do the same thing again weeks later. It may require Police Forces to work together to stop these mindless idiots from taking away the ambitions and pleasures of others.

Our income is entirely from the magazine and our thanks go to the 120 residents who volunteer to deliver 8,000 copies free of charge to households and businesses in Sandhurst 4 times a year. Thanks are also due to our magazine team of Nicholette Deakin, Michael Weston and Linda Rose, who do an amazing job for us. In the surgery, at the checkouts and in the car parks around Sandhurst, I get so many compliments about the magazine, you should be very proud of what you do. Nicholette, who is unable to be here tonight, is standing down as editor this year but she will be staying on as a committee member.

David Vousden contacted BFC about the state of the path between Harvard Road and Oxford Road, which became very muddy in winter. In a very short time it was tarmacked and a bollard put in place to prevent cars using it. David has also taken in the maintenance of the website where the required work is ongoing. We were let down by the group who had volunteered to do it for us which was very disappointing.

Karen Vousden used the Fix My Street facility on the BFC website and reported potholes in Rackstraw Road between the traffic lights and Abingdon Road. The next day the work was done.

Boots has improved its service and will continue its efforts.

The development south of the High Street will go ahead.

The Local Plan has made little headway and we have only now been told it has to agree with BFC, which I cannot explain at the moment. Other areas where plans have already been completed are having to start again.

We have kept you up to date with regard to the Patient Participation Group and the Out Of Hours Service, which has been extensively covered in the magazine, which I hope you have been reading.

The issue of the removal of the Rackstraw Farm sign at the Beefeater has been taken on by Councillor Michael Brossard, who has made progress and we are hoping for a result soon.

I would like to thank our President and the Committee for their help, support and the commitment they have shown over the year. It has been a pleasure to work with you, thank you.

5 Treasurer's Report:

Audited Accounts:

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017

Current Account	£1,843
Reserve Account	£25,413
Gross Assets	£27,256
Creditors payable within one year	(£17)
Net Assets	£27,239

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<p>6</p>	<p>Election of Officers and Executive Committee</p> <p>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:</p> <table data-bbox="357 943 1278 1160"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Seconded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Val Crosby-Clarke</td> <td>Chairman</td> <td>J Ogden</td> <td>D Vousden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Vousden</td> <td>Vice-Chairman</td> <td>D Wilson</td> <td>M Weston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Vousden</td> <td>Secretary</td> <td>C Sayer</td> <td>L Rose</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennie Ogden</td> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>D Wilson</td> <td>K Vousden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Linda Rose</td> <td>Minutes Secretary</td> <td>C Sayer</td> <td>D Wilson</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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:</p> <table data-bbox="357 1346 927 1599"> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Coupland</td> <td>Recycling Officer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Weston</td> <td>Magazine Sub-Editor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clive Sayer</td> <td>CMRA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sue O'Sullivan</td> <td>LLRA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nicholette Deakin</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karen Vousden</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diane Wilson</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Honorary President is elected by the Executive Committee every three years. The next election will take place in January 2018. The role of Magazine Editor is currently vacant. Some volunteers have applied and will be interviewed in due course. Nicholette Deakin will continue on the role until a replacement is found.</p>			Proposed	Seconded	Val Crosby-Clarke	Chairman	J Ogden	D Vousden	David Vousden	Vice-Chairman	D Wilson	M Weston	David Vousden	Secretary	C Sayer	L Rose	Jennie Ogden	Treasurer	D Wilson	K Vousden	Linda Rose	Minutes Secretary	C Sayer	D Wilson	John Coupland	Recycling Officer	Mike Weston	Magazine Sub-Editor	Clive Sayer	CMRA	Sue O'Sullivan	LLRA	Nicholette Deakin		Karen Vousden		Diane Wilson	
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<p>7.</p>	<p>Votes of Thanks</p> <p>To Val Crosby-Clarke for her sterling work on the committee and at all the local meetings she attends as SRA representative.</p> <p>To Nicholette Deakin for her brilliant work on the development and production of the magazine.</p>																																						

<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p>AOB:</p> <p>The Reverend John Castle thanked the committee for their generous contribution to the Winspire fund.</p> <p>A resident reported that the sightlines from the Acacia Avenue exit onto the bypass is obstructed by trees, and is made more dangerous by the excessive speeds of traffic on the bypass. Councillor Michael Brossard will take this up with BFC.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Presentation on the Neighbourhood Policing Team</p> <p>A talk was given on the changes to the policing of Bracknell and Wokingham by Inspector John Donachy of the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The police areas of Bracknell and Wokingham were merged in 2016, taking them from the 2 smallest areas to the largest area in terms of population and area. There has been a period of change since the merge owing to extra demands and reduced funding. Inspector Donachy explained the organisation of the various teams involved in policing matters, from the emergency responders for 999 calls to the investigators and detectives who back them up. These teams are supported by the Neighbourhood Policing team, details of which can be found on the Police website at https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/your-local-area/. This is a flexible team that Inspector Donachy can use to focus on particular problems in specific areas as and when they arise. He confirmed that the Police Point in the recreation ground, which is staffed by volunteers, will remain open, with 4 PCSOs covering Sandhurst and Crowthorne. He stated some local crime statistics and pointed out that Sandhurst is a very low crime area. Questions from the floor covered an incident in Church Road, which was explained in a general fashion to the whole meeting and specifically with the resident concerned following the meeting; cycling on pavements, particularly by the Broadway House zebra crossing, which has limited visibility when joining the pavement from the library path; vandalism on the tennis courts; the use of Crowthorne Fire Station for a police point; how the levels of police response are determined, and parking rules and enforcement. Doorstoppers stickers were available and residents can also sign up for free crime alerts by registering on www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. The Inspector was very open and frank about what his team can and cannot tackle and the talk was informative and interesting. He was thanked for his time and was available for further discussions following the close of the meeting.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 9:45pm</p>