

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EATON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD AT EATON GOLF CLUB, ON 9th OCTOBER,
2012**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting, including MP Simon Wright, City Councillors Caroline Ackroyd and James Wright, PCSO Julie Sayer, and, for the first time, residents from Turnberry.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from County Councillor Mervyn Scutter, City Councillor Judith Lubbock, Martin Davidson (Director Persimmon Homes), Don and Jean Ray, Rosalind Wright, Sue and Keith Panton, Chris and David Peachell and Jane Stebbing.

2. MINUTES: The Minutes of the 2011 AGM were circulated and Mike Phillips, seconded by Rosemary Benton, proposed accepting them as correct. The Meeting agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

4. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: This was circulated and topics dealt with during the year to 31st March, 2012, included:

- the 2012 Scarecrow Competition, sponsored this year by Waitrose
- the construction of the Marston Marshes access path and the award of a sustainability grant for the maintenance and the promotion of the path
- the Marshes Project, winner of the Biodiversity Award for the whole of the Anglia region
- the development of the old Civil Service Sports Ground, now to be known as Wentworth Gardens. The building programme looks like being completed much sooner than the three years originally forecast
- occasional meetings with Eaton Primary School and other interested parties concerning ongoing traffic problems.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Accounts had been circulated which showed that the Net Assets of the Association are: £2311 – 75. The Accounts were scrutinized by Ken Land and, proposed by Mike Phillips, seconded by Margaret Bamford, were accepted by the Meeting.

The Chairman then explained the details of the Marston Marshes Footpath Account which had also been circulated.

6. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

Before this took place, Gerald presented retiring Committee members Mike and Jean Phillips with a Notcutts Voucher, in recognition of their 15 years' service on the Committee.

Chairman -- Gerald Cooke, proposed by Gwen Frazer, seconded by Mike Phillips.

Vice-chairman -- Chris Stebbing, proposed by Jean Phillips, seconded by Kath Westwell.

Secretary -- Barbara Heighes, proposed by Helen Preston, seconded by Rosalie Fasler.

Treasurer -- Thelma Cooke, proposed by Jean Phillips, seconded by Mike Phillips.

Committee -- Sharon Atkinson, Rosemary Benton, Chris and Helen Preston were all nominated, proposed by Gwen Frazer, seconded by Margaret Bamford, and duly elected by the Meeting.

The Chairman then invited those present to consider joining the Committee and Sarah Cross agreed to join.

7. **SCRUTINEER:** Ken Land was willing to continue. Proposed by Gareth Phillips, seconded by Elizabeth Walker, he was elected unanimously.

8. **REPORT FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS:** (a) Caroline Ackroyd expressed her warm thanks to Gerald and the Committee for all their hard work for the community. This ensures that Eaton Village continues to be a pleasant and stimulating area in which to live.

(b) The Howarth Way sign is now in place. This names the path which runs between Wentworth Green and Sunningdale.

(c) James Wright spoke about the No 11 bus service which serves the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. He then mentioned that this is the time when Norwich City Council is considering its spending priorities. He urged anyone with suggestions to put them forward now.

9. **.AOB** (a) Stuart Bowen suggested that it would be a good idea to have a wooden seat near the War Memorial on Newmarket Road. (This will be considered by the Committee at a future meeting).

(b) The Chairman then spoke about the Sunday bus service. Martin Symonds had written that the 121 service has been poorly supported. Also, amongst the few passengers, the majority are pass-holders. He urged the parishioners of Eaton "to use it or lose it".

(c) The Vice-Chairman thanked all those who deliver the EVRA Newsletter twice a year.

(d) The Chairman spoke up on behalf of the local 34th Scouts who add greatly to local events with their barbecues and cake-making. He urged support for their fund-raising by putting out newspapers for collection on the first Sunday in the month.

The Chairman then closed the Annual General Meeting.

Following a break for refreshments, **Chris Stebbing** gave a report on the work of the Marston Marshes Working Party and proposals for the future.

Martin Davidson of Persimmon Homes sent a written report on the progress at Wentworth Gardens. The strength of demand for the properties means that work is likely to be finished in February, 2013. Despite efforts by Persimmon, decisions by Norwich Council on the maintenance of the tree belts on various boundaries are still to be made.

PCSO Julie Sayer confirmed that Eaton is still the safest neighbourhood in which to live. Speeding and inconsiderate parking are two issues which receive ongoing attention.

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