MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EATON VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD AT EATON GOLF CLUB, ON 11TH OCTOBER, 2011

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting, including City Councillors Judith Lubbock and Caroline Ackroyd, PCSO Emily Gooderson, Matthew Davies, Norwich Fringe Project Officer, Martin Davidson, Director Persimmon Homes, and also, for the first time, residents of Poplar Avenue.

- **1. APOLOGIES:** apologies were received from County Councillor Mervyn Scutter, City Councillor James Wright, Rev Phil Rodd, Vic Hopes, Chris Stebbing, Hilary Goodson, Margaret Kearn, Elizabeth Armstrong and Rosalie Fasler.
- **2. MINUTES:** the minutes of the 2010 AGM were circulated and were proposed by Mike Phillips, seconded by Rosemary Benton, and accepted by the Meeting as being correct.
- **3. MATTERS ARISING:** there were none.
- **4. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** this was circulated and topics dealt with during the year to 31st March, 2011, included:
- application for funding for the Norwich Fringe Project, for an easy-access path around Marston Marshes
- the 2011Scarecrow Competition
- the Eaton Village website
- the impact of the building of 78 dwellings on the old Civil Service sports ground by Persimmon Homes
- **5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Accounts were circulated which showed that the Net Assets of the Association are: £2,215 46 The Accounts were scrutinized by Ken Land and accepted by the Meeting.

6. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

Chairman -- Gerald Cooke, proposed by Mike Phillips, seconded by Sharon Atkinson **Vice-chairman** -- Chris Stebbing, proposed by Jean Phillips, seconded by Rosemary Benton

Secretary -- Barbara Heighes, proposed by Gwen Frazer, seconded by Jean Phillips **Treasurer** -- Thelma Cooke, proposed by Jean Phillips, seconded by Nerys Griffiths **Committee** -- Sharon Atkinson, Rosemary Benton, Hilary Goodson, Margaret Kearn, Jean Phillips, Michael Phillips, were all nominated, proposed by Gwen Frazer, seconded by Caroline Ackroyd and elected by the Meeting *en masse*.

- 7. **SCRUTINEER:** Ken Land was willing to continue and was elected unanimously,
- **8. REPORT FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS:** Caroline Ackroyd expressed her warm thanks to Gerald and the Committee for all their hard work for the Community. She informed the Meeting that the path linking Wentworth Green with Sunningdale is to be named after the late Geoff Haworth, whose idea it was to keep this footpath open.

She has also promised to ensure that a further "dog bin" will be provided and, if possible, an existing one will be re-sited to serve Marston Marshes.

Judith Lubbock hoped that Eaton residents find that their Councillors are accessible and urged people not to hesitate to get in touch. She pointed out that Eaton is a good place to live and our aim should be to keep it that way.

9. AOB: there was none.

The Chairman then closed the Annual General Meeting.

Following a break for socializing and refreshments, short but informative talks were given by:

<u>PCSO Emily Gooderson</u> who spoke about the car parking initiative with the Eaton Primary School and changes to the "Safer Neighbourhood Areas".

<u>Matthew Davies.</u> Norwich Fringe Project Officer, who explained, with slides, the construction of the Marston Marshes "Easy Access Path" and outlined plans for the future maintenance of the Marshes.

Martin Davidson, Director, Persimmon Homes, who gave up-to-date details of construction work on the old Civil Service sports ground, now called Wentworth Gardens. He emphasized that every care would be taken to ensure the safety of local residents and particularly the children from Eaton Primary School. The Company was looking at about three years to completion, depending on the state of the housing market.

<u>The Chairman</u> showed a pamphlet which gave details of the Norwich 2012 Garden Festival proposals. The Festival would take place in June and July of 2012, the summer of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics and Paralympics. The key aspect of the Festival is that everyone should take part: individuals, schools, colleges and other organizations. The Chairman suggested that EVRA could well become involved.

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