

WIGSTON CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3 May 2017

at Age UK Oadby and Wigston, Paddock Street, Wigston

There were 23 members present and 20 guests who enjoyed light refreshments during the meeting.

1. Welcome

The Secretary welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the programme for the evening.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Barry and May Hilton, Tony Sumpter, Mary Ray, Marion Daetwyler and Roy Pearce.

3. Approval of minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2016 were read by the Secretary. It was proposed by Alan Freckingham and seconded by Roy Hughes and agreed that they be approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising

It was reported that:

Black bag waste collections had continued during the year but the whole issue of waste collection was again under consideration.

The County had confirmed the pedestrianisation of Bell Street with cycle access.

The Committee had decided not to give 'grot spot' awards.

The display by shops of goods on pavements was largely under control.

5. Annual Report

The Chairman read his comprehensive report on the activities of the committee in its area of operation during the last year. This is attached.

6. Treasurer's report for 2016/17 and subscriptions for 2018

The Treasurer tabled the accounts for 2016/17, which are attached. The Secretary read out the Treasurer's report which is attached. The accounts had been examined. It was proposed by John Woodward and seconded by Ian Richardson that the accounts be accepted. This was agreed.

The Treasurer's report stated that the Committee proposed that subscriptions be increased from £8.00 to £9.00 from 1 May 2018. This was in an effort to continue to stabilise the Society's financial footing. Junior subscriptions would therefore be £4.50.

It was proposed by John Woodward and seconded by Peter Holmes and agreed that the subscriptions be increased in accordance with the Committee's proposal.

7 Proposal to amend the financial year end date in the constitution.

In order to ensure the efficient preparation of the annual accounts in time for the AGM at the beginning of May, the Committee proposed that the year end date in the constitution be amended from 30 April to 31 March. This proposal was unanimously agreed by members present.

8. Election of officers and committee members

The Secretary announced that:

All existing officers and Committee members had agreed to continue in office.

It was proposed by Alan Freckingham and seconded by John Woodward that the Officers and Committee members be re-elected en bloc. This was agreed.

There were two nominations for additional Committee members, John Woodward and Yvonne Woodward. It was proposed by Alan Freckingham and seconded by Val Beesley and agreed that the nominated persons be elected.

8 Any Other Business

The issue of J Hoots Chemist on Blaby Road in South Wigston was again raised. It had not been possible to persuade the owners to take any action on the false brick wall on the Canal Street frontage and more recently the shop had been closing on Saturday afternoons thereby prolonging the time in which the garish blue shutters were lowered. This did not present a good image especially to motorists approaching from the east.

The matter of out of date and defunct road signs left on roads in the Borough was raised. An example was the 'new road layout' sign on Oadby Road. This issue is an ongoing item on the agenda at monthly committee meetings.

Alan Freckingham thanked all committee members for their work and effort in keeping the Society active and relevant over the past year

The Formal meeting was then closed.

Certificates of Commendation

Certificates were presented:

By the Chair to NHS England for the design and construction of Two Steeples Medical Centre. Drs Shaffu and Tobin and Ms Jane Sinfield representing the two practices located on the Centre accepted the certificate.

By The Revd Dr Peter Holmes (committee member) to Bav Samani and Liam Green, Directors of Just Hype Ltd, for the refurbishment of the Europa Building on

Newton Lane. Peter Holmes is the great grandson of the builder of the factory and the owner of the original business. The Chair and others had been shown around the building prior to the meeting and reported how impressive it was under its new use.

By Andrew Oldershaw to Mr Graham Harrison, owner of Graham Harrison (Buildrite) Leicester Ltd, for the conversion of the premises in Canal Street formerly occupied by Oldershaw Bros and the design and construction of the cottages in the former Oldershaw's yard now known as Isabella Court. Andrew is the great grandson of the founder. Mr Harrison was accompanied by his granddaughter after whom the development is named, his wife and daughter.

Schedule of Significant Buildings

The Chairman handed over a schedule of the buildings which the Society and the GWHS proposed should be included in the Council's list of Significant Buildings (The Local List). In accepting the schedule on behalf of the Council, Mr Jamie Carr, Forward Plans Manager, indicated that the list would now be included in the Local Plan which would be consulted on during the late summer months this year.

Conservation Areas

An illustrated presentation on Conservation Areas was then given by Mr Justin Webber, Senior Buildings Conservation Officer at Leicester City Council in acknowledgement of the 50th anniversary of the Civic Amenities Act 1967 which gave local authorities the power to create Conservation Areas.

The Committee is therefore as follows:

Officers

Chair	Peter Cousins
Vice Chair	Maureen Waugh
Secretary	Colin Towell
Treasurer	Val Beesley
Membership Secretary	Val Beesley
Minute Secretary	Vacant
Wigstons' Voice Editor	Peter Cousins
Web master	Peter Cousins
Events and Publicity	Nicola Alexander
Examiner	Peter Holmes

Members

Colin Hames
Roy Hughes
John Woodward
Yvonne Woodward

