**Wooburn Residents’ Association**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 22 May 2023**

**8.00 pm**

**Wooburn Club**

**MINUTES**

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| **Present:** |  |
| Simon Coles (Chairman) | Heidi Finney |
| Alison Grinter (Secretary) | Jane Ford |
| Maggi Fraser (Treasurer) | Marie Hamm |
| Karen Seymour | Laura Barker |
| Warren Thomas | Mike Seaton |
| Bruce Gallup | Cllr Sophie Kayani |
| Caroline Meechan | Sue Smithin |
| Sophie Youngs | Wendy Dack |
| Pat Foote |  |

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| **1.** | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** |
|  | Apologies received from Margaret Amos, Eric Amos, Cllr Penny Drayton, Cllr Stuart Wilson, Elizabeth Levings, Karen Savage & Sue Low |
| **2.** | **MINUTES OF AGM – 9 MAY 2022** |
|  | * Proposed by Mike Appleyard & approved by the meeting. |
| **3.** | **MATTERS ARISING** |
|  | * There were no matters arising. |
| **4.** | **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** |
|  | Simon Coles reported as follows:  Wooburn Residents’ Association exists to assist in maintaining and improving the experience of living in the Wooburns.  **Planning and Infrastructure**   1. Providing a forum for residents to air their concerns and to learn about developments in the area from our County and Parish Councillors whose presence at the meetings is much appreciated. 2. Continuing to monitor:  * the ongoing planning applications at Slate Meadow & Hollands Farm * the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan * the application for a new tennis court in Wooburn Park * the misuse of a property on The Green as a builder’s storage yard * developments at Grays Inn * the proposal for a public consultation concerning a skate park in Wooburn Park * residents’ concerns about parking * the decline and abuse of Dalton’s Path  1. Planting a Red Oak tree in Wooburn Park to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.   **Social**   * Contributing to, and helping to develop, a sense of community and of belonging in the Wooburns area * Caroline Meechan led an enthusiastic team in our successful involvement with the organisation of ParkFest as a joint activity with the Parish Council and the Community Church in September 2022 * Sue Low led an equally enthusiastic team organising our Christmas Lights event * Looking forward to the revival of our Fete on The Green on 17 June * Introducing a series of talks of local interest. Talks so far have covered the history of the Wooburns, the river from Friends of the River Wye and the work of the local Scouts and Guides groups. On 19 June we have a talk on local farming   **Other**   * In the last year we have also benefitted from the development of a new and updated website with a new logo – thanks to Sophie Youngs * Karen Seymour has worked hard & effectively on increasing our social media activity and general publicity for events |
| **5.** | **TREASURER’S REPORT** |
|  | * Maggi Fraser, the Treasurer, circulated the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 (see attached). * Started 2022 with approximately £5,216 in cash the bank * September 2022 - joined forces with the Parish Council and the Community Church to arrange Park Fest in Wooburn Park. Funds raised by us amounted to £904 after costs * December 2022, Christmas Lights event – raised £178 from the raffle, after costs there was a loss of £4 * Membership fees during the year amounted to £54 * Planted a Red Oak tree in Wooburn Park to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – cost of £154 including the plaque * Other costs in 2022 amounted to £275 * Overall, net increase in cash holdings of £525, giving a final balance of £5,741 |
| **6.** | **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER TRUSTEES** |
|  | The current officers are happy to continue in their posts:   * Chair – Simon Coles * Secretary – Alison Grinter * Trustee – Caroline Meechan * Trustee – Bruce Gallup   Standing down from their posts:   * Maggi Fraser as Treasurer * Margaret Amos as Trustee * Eric Amos as Trustee   Proposed new positions:   * Warren Thomas as Treasurer * Karen Seymour as Trustee * Sophie Youngs as Trustee   The positions above were all proposed by Mike Appleyard and approved by the meeting  Mike Appleyard gave a vote of thanks to all involved in running the association |
| **7.** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |
|  | There was no further business to be discussed. |