

Minutes of the Fairlight Residents Association AGM held on 15th May 2013 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

Committee present: Joyce Grant Chair

Alan Grant Deputy Chair

Peter Norris Co-opted Treasurer

Lyn Mosley Secretary

Mary Stewart Committee Member

Ken Hall Co-opted Committee Member

Barry Prime Co-opted Committee Member

Sally Watson Committee Member

Trevor Lewing Co-opted Member

Copies of the Agenda for the evening, Minutes of the 2012 AGM, Treasurers report and Donations list were distributed before the meeting to all members. A total of 50 people attended.

Welcome

Joyce welcomed everyone and thanked people for attending.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Joan Hall (committee member), Andrew Meir, Carol Ardley, Eric & Sylvia Gladman, Moira Childs, Haydon Luke, Betty Batt and Mr & Mrs Jellicoe.

Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 14th May 2012.

Joyce proposed that the minutes were a true account of that meeting and asked for someone to second the proposal; they were seconded by Nikki Frith.

Matters arising from the minutes/review of actions

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Annual Report.

Joyce told the members that the committee urgently need a Planning Officer and an Archivist, who would not necessarily have to be committee members and asked anyone who may be interested to get in touch with herself or one of the committee. Alan Grant for the planning and Trevor Lewing for the Archivist would offer support to anyone who put themselves forward. Joyce went on to mention a number of events which the FRA have held

or been involved with over the past twelve months and said that future events have been planned for 2013/14. Thanks were expressed to the magazine team for all their hard work, to Alex Brodie who has been our auditor for a number of years but has had to retire from that role due to ill health, to Norman Dengate for his constant and welcome support in producing and distributing posters and tickets and for generally helping us out, thanks to the Distributors for all their hard work in distributing the magazine throughout the year, and thanks to all the committee members who have seen the committee through some rough patches and especially to Alan who will not be standing again for the vice chair position but who has been her constant rock.

Finance

Peter reported that the FRA now has 568 household memberships. The FRA accounts are in good order as shown on the summary and copies of the accounts duly signed by the Auditor were available for anyone who wished to see them. £2010 was made in donations to various local requests for support, this was substantially more than in previous years. Peter explained that the committee are now integrating more with other groups in the village, and that if there was anyone who knew of a worthy cause in the village which required finance, would they please get in touch.

Election/re-election of committee members

Lyn Mosley told the members that as per the FRA constitution half of the officials of the committee and half the committee members must stand for re-election each year. This year the roles up for re-election are vice chair currently held by Alan Grant, Secretary held by Lyn Mosley and Mary Stewart committee member. As Alan wishes to retire, Trevor Lewing was nominated and seconded for the vice chair role. Both Mary and Lyn put their names forward for re-nomination, they were both proposed and seconded and will maintain their roles on the committee. The current co-opted members of the committee, Peter Norris Treasurer, Ken Hall, Joan Hall and Barry Prime all put their names forward for re-nomination and were nominated and seconded to become full committee members. No other nominations for committee membership were received. En-bloc the above were nominated and seconded by FRA members Frank James and Gill Lewing respectively.

Lyn said that we were sorry to be losing Alan who has been such a valuable member of our committee, always calm with a very reasoned approach to issues and we will miss him, On behalf of the committee members and all the FRA members in the hall, Peter would like to say a few words. Peter thanked Alan again for all his hard work over many years and wished him all the best for the future and presented him with a small gift. Alan replied with a thank you to all the committee who have supported him over the years especially through the turbulent times we have had, he also thanked the magazine team for their sterling work and Joyce for being so steadfast in her support for him

Peter then made a presentation to Norman as a small token of appreciation for all the work he has done for us over the past twelve months and for auditing our accounts.

As there was no other business to conduct, Joyce again thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19.48 hours.

Following the close of the meeting, wine glasses were replenished and Alan introduced Nick Russell who works for the United Nations and who gave a slide show and talk on one of the aid projects with which he is involved. A short question and answer session followed. Alan thanked the speaker for his interesting talk which was enjoyed by the attendees and he presented Nick with a bottle of wine as a thank you.