



Minutes of the Fairlight Residents Association AGM held on 14th May 2014 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

Committee present:	Trevor Lewing	Deputy/acting Chair
	Peter Norris	Treasurer
	Lyn Mosley	Secretary
	Ken Hall	Committee Member
	Joan Hall	Committee Member
	Paul Draper	Co-opted Member

Copies of the Agenda for the evening, Minutes of the 2013 AGM, Treasurers report and Donations list were distributed before the meeting to all members. A total of 46 people attended.

Welcome

Trevor Lewing welcomed everyone and thanked people for attending. He announced that Joyce was in hospital and said we all sent our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery, as a result of this he would be chairing the meeting this evening.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Joyce Grant (Chairman) Sally Watson and Mary Stewart (committee members), Carol Ardley, Eric Gladman, Val Gibbs, Alan Grant, Richard & Kath Barron and Councillor Roger Bird.

Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 15th May 2013.

Trevor asked for the minutes to be proposed and seconded as a true account of that meeting. They were proposed as a true account by Frank James and seconded by Barry Prime

Matters arising from the minutes/review of actions

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Annual Report.

Joyce Grant had prepared her chairman's report before she was taken ill and sent it in for Trevor to read out. The report started with a welcome and a thank you to all attendees and covered the following - the FRA committee which is working very well together, Paul Draper who has taken on the archivist role and a plea was put out for a planning officer stating that if anyone is interested, help would be available to get them up and running.

Social events from the previous twelve months were mentioned and also the annual distributors evening and quiz night. The magazine has received many compliments from our members and special thanks were given to Ken Hall and Joan Hall and the rest of the team for the wonderful work they do. Other committee members were mentioned individually – Mary and Sally for their excellent catering, Trevor for his continual work with the email scheme, Peter who looks after our finances and Lyn for keeping (or trying to keep) Joyce in order.

A number of events are planned for 2014 and these will be advertised as and when they are due, both in the magazine and on the email scheme.

Joyce went on to say that she has enjoyed her years with the FRA and looks forward to keeping in touch with everyone. There was a special thanks to Norman Dengate for organising and designing our posters and ticket sales at the post office.

Finance

Peter Norris presented his statement of the year accounts that have been audited by Norman Dengate. He talked through the expenditure shown on the account sheet and explained that the magazine is still more or less self financing, very little of our members' money has to be used towards its cost. Donations for the year amounted to £1260.00 and responding to a question from the audience regarding our healthy bank balance of over £13,000.00, Peter stated that if donations are down that is because we have had fewer requests. If anyone involved in the village requires a donation, they have to formally apply in writing; the full then considers all requests committee and they will receive a response regarding the outcome. Any worthy causes, please get in touch. Peter made a presentation to Norman Dengate as a thank you for all his help with the accounts.

Election/re-election of committee members

Lyn Mosley told the members that there are quite a number of proposed committee changes this year. The FRA constitution states that half of the officials of the committee and half the committee members must stand for re-election each year and also some members of the committee stated a wish to change their roles. Joyce wishes to stand down as chairman but has put her name forward to become a committee member. Trevor (currently vice chair) has had his name put forward for chairman. Peter (currently treasurer) has had his name put forward for vice chair and Stephen Leadbetter's name has been put forward as our new treasurer. Committee members up for re-nomination this time are Joan Hall and Sally Watson. Paul Draper (currently a co-opted committee member) has been put forward to become a full committee member. The changes were proposed en bloc by Jill Lewing and seconded by Margaret Pulfer.

Membership of the FRA currently stands at approx. 525 households

Any other business

No issues had been brought up under any other business and so Trevor again thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and closed the official meeting at 7.45 p.m.

There was a short open forum that allowed members to raise any issues of note or concern; these are not minuted as they fell outside of the formal meeting.

The meeting was followed by a talk by Diane Patten on her life in aviation. The presentation was a slide show with Diane speaking about her exploits both in this country and abroad and covered most of her life. It was very interesting and informative and was well received by everyone present, this was shown with a warm round of applause at the end. As a token of appreciation by the FRA, a cheque for £50 was presented which Diane asked to be made payable to the Blond McIndoe Research Foundation in East Grinstead.