

Minutes of the AGM of the Fairlight Residents' Association held on 28th July 2021 at Fairlight Village Hall

Committee Present:

Chairman	Trevor Lewing
Vice Chairman (FN Editor)	Jenny Turner
Secretary	Ron Simpson
Treasurer	Stephen Leadbetter
Membership Secretary and Email	Keith Thompson-Smith
Committee Member (FN Distribution)	Cas Barlow
Co-Opted Member	Louise Russell
Co-Opted Member	Alastair Mitchell

Copies of the Agenda for the evening, minutes of the 2019 AGM and the Treasurer's Report for 2020/21 were distributed to all of the members before the meeting. A total of 22 people attended the AGM, including Committee members

1. Welcome

Trevor Lewing welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. There have not been any notices or resolutions submitted to the Secretary for formal attention during the meeting. Chris Smart has been nominated for Committee Member.

2. Apologies of Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kerry Gentleman, Annette & Geoff Holmes, Hayden Luke, David Shortman, Steve Stewart, Sue Evans, Chris Smart and Carol Ardley.

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 19th May 2019

Trevor asked for the Minutes of the previous AGM to be confirmed as a true and accurate account of that meeting. This was approved by Jill Lewing, seconded by Cas Barlow and carried.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Annual Report

Chairman's Report for AGM 2021

Well, what is there to say about the last 12 months?

Your Committee has continued to meet either on zoom or when appropriate here in the Village Hall.

This is a somewhat an unusual annual report which actually covers more than two years.

The Association has had another successful year. This has been made possible by the hard work put in by the Committee and assisted by partners.

We have to go back to October 2019 to the quiz night which was hosted by Ron Simpson and me. It was a change from the "normal" format of quizzes and was very well received. The catering was provided by Cas Barlow & Kerry Gentlemen and the bar by John & Sue Booker to whom we are grateful as everybody had a great evening.

The Association attended the Village Hall Fair in December 2019 where the sale of donated jigsaw puzzles went very well, the proceeds of which were donated to the Village Hall to kick start a fund for the kitchen refurbishment.

In December 2019, we held a successful Christmas party in the Village Hall. Entertainment was supplied by Tim Gibson and a big thank you to the Committee for organising the event and to Sue & John Booker for manning the bar.

In February 2020 we held a barn dance which although not a big turnout was enjoyed by everyone and we are grateful to "Highly Strung", Jenny Turner for organizing the event, Cas Barlow & Kerry Gentlemen for the catering and to Stephen Leadbetter for manning the bar.

The calendar for 2020 was not as popular as in previous years. I am grateful to Paul Raynor for organizing it. The Committee decided not to produce one for 2021.

Outings since the last AGM in 2019 included a coach trip to Leonardslee House & Gardens, theatre trips to see "White Christmas" and Tina Turner the Musical. Unfortunately, the trip to see Joe Brown has been postponed twice, but only 2 weeks ago the whole Tour was cancelled. This trip has been replaced by a similar event in Eastbourne "Maximum R'n'B with The Manfreds" on 27th October. Just a week before that a theatre trip is planned to London on Thursday 14th October to see "The Prince of Egypt" which I am pleased to report is proving very popular.

The Committee has gone through many changes over the last 26 months. Sadly, we have said goodbye to Sandie Vivian, but she has continued with assistant editor. Paul Raynor had to leave for personal reasons and Sue Evans left but will continue to act as the FN advertising contact. Later in this meeting we shall be electing a new Committee and three more members will not be standing for re-election, they being:

Ron Simpson who has been our Minute secretary. Stephen Leadbetter who has been Treasurer for more than 7 years. I thank them all for their continued hard work and support.

You should also know by now that I am leaving the Committee. I have enjoyed my time on the Committee through some very good times and one or two challenging times!

But I am somewhat relieved that your new Committee looks to be stronger than ever, and I ask that you support them and the Association.

The Fairlight News has continued to be the mainstay of the Association which has been produced by Jenny Turner assisted by Sandie Vivian, Cas Barlow and Sue Evans. The standard has continued to improve, and we are grateful to its contributors. Thanks also to our advertisers and to the distributors who have delivered to members and collected subscriptions to maintain a good membership.

The email scheme is regarded by many as an important part of the Association. I am pleased and grateful to Keith Thompson-Smith who took over the reins in March 2020. Keith has put his own mark on the emails and has managed to keep residents informed of up-to-date news between editions of the Fairlight News. Keith has also been the membership Secretary and I am very grateful for his hard work. Thank you all for your continued membership and if you are new to the Association welcome, and I hope you get the opportunity to join in with events.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report to Fairlight Residents' Association AGM 2021.

All figures in report rounded to the nearest pound.

The first thing to say is that both income and expenditure are greatly reduced on last year as there has been neither income from, or expenditure on, social events due to the lockdown caused by the pandemic.

Our total income for the year was £7,422. This is about £3058 less than 2019/20

Advertising income for Fairlight News was £4,693 which was £29 less than last year.

Membership income was £345 lower at £2680.

We show miscellaneous income of £293, £250 of which was held briefly for Helping Hands project while they set up a bank account, and £40 for sale of drink stock.

Total expenditure for the year was £6843. This is £2933 less than last year.

Our main item of expenditure is the production cost of Fairlight News which was £5,976, just £198 more than last year. This is expensive but worthwhile as our production team now led by Jenny and Sandie produce a high quality magazine much enjoyed by our members. The cost after advertising income is taken into account is £1085.

Four years ago we made a decision that profits from our events and ventures would be ring-fenced so they are available for donations or projects. This is a healthy sum and last year we made donations totalling £440 to

Fairlight Helping Hands – £200

Fairlight Village Hall chair fund - £240

We have £1141 remaining which is to be allocated as necessary.

We show miscellaneous expenditure of £396 of which £250 was passed on to Helping Hands after temporarily being placed in our bank account and £126 returned to an advertiser.

Overall we made a surplus of £588 for the year.

Our finances remain in a healthy condition with total assets at the year-end of £14,024 representing about 2 years expenditure split between cash, our current account and a reserve account.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to our honorary auditor Peter Norris for auditing and signing off the association's accounts.

Stephen Leadbetter Fairlight Residents' Association Treasurer 28th July 2021

Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Frank James, seconded by Carol Shortman and carried.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were nominated for election

Vice Chairman (FN Editor)	Jenny Turner
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Committee Member (FN Distribution)	Cas Barlow
Committee Member	Kerry Gentleman
Committee Member	Annette Holmes
Committee Member	Geoff Holmes
Committee Member	Kerry van de Merwe
Committee Member	Alastair Mitchell
Committee Member	Chris Smart

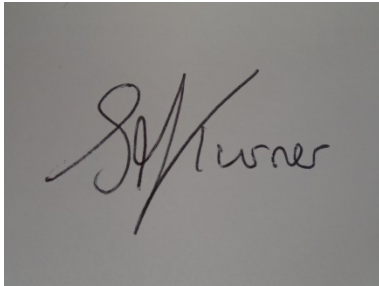
These elections were proposed by Keith Pollard, seconded by Frank James and carried.

8. Auditor

Peter Norris has agreed to be the Association's auditor. Proposed by Jill Lewing, Seconded by Frank James and carried.

9. Close of Meeting

Jenny Turner as Vice Chairman thanked the three Committee Members who were standing down. Carol Shortman thanked all the Committee Members for their hard work. The meeting closed at 20:25. After the meeting a speaker from St. Michael's Hospice gave the Association an interesting and informative talk on their work.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a grey background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Jenny Turner'.

Vice Chair