

Chenies Village Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting

Held in Chenies Manor on Tuesday 28th April 2009

1 Apologies for absence

Received from:

Kate and David Cottingham, Margaret and John Heilbuth, Diane and Keith Howard, Jill and Neil Royden, Kate and Peter Ashby, Boris Ertl, Liz Allsop, Peter and Joan Hood, Barbara Ruston, Jasmine and Darrel Lewis.

The Chairman Melanie Lilley welcomed villagers to the meeting.

Melanie advised the meeting of the Society's rules and of the attendance sheet being circulated around the room.

2 Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd April 2008

The minutes were proposed by Kathryn Le Neve Foster, seconded by Nan Howe and adopted unanimously.

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Chairman's Report

Melanie began her report by giving her resignation. Melanie presented a full account of the year's events and expressed thanks to those members of the committee still in post, and to those who had resigned from the committee before the AGM, thanking them for their contributions to the Society.

Melanie thanked those members of the village who had sent letters and e-mails and phoned to express their best wishes after hearing of her resignation.

The report was proposed by Sylvia Arnold and seconded by John Rimer

5 Treasurer's Report

Colin reported on the financial situation of the society and thanked Geoffrey Ziprin for auditing the accounts.

Melanie thanked Colin for his contribution over the last number of years without which the society may not have survived.

The report was proposed by John Rimer and seconded by Malcolm Hazell

6 Parish Council Report

Sir John Quinton presented of a full account of the Parish Council's activities during the last year. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday in May, July, September, November, January and March. Meetings are open to all and questions and comments are welcomed from the floor during the first quarter of an hour.

Holloway Lane has been gated, Placehouse Copse continues to be maintained, potholes and drains continue to be a problem and some kissing gates have been installed.

Melanie thanked Sir John for his report.

7 Chenies Parkland Trust

John Rimer proposed that this dormant trust should be wound up as it seems unlikely that an opportunity will arise for it to acquire land for the community and annual accounts have to be prepared and filed, and a filling fee paid.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

8 Chenies Community Fund

Robert Grundy presented the report. A balance of £25,710 is held by the fund, £12,500 will shortly be transferred to a higher interest bearing COIF Charities Deposit Fund. £19.38 was given to Andy Homewood to set up the village website, up to £3,000 is set aside for the village sign, and £5,000 will be given to the Baptist Chapel towards their extension during the next financial year.

Applications for projects of a capital nature and of benefit to the community are welcome.

9 The Future of CVS/EGM

1 To discuss and as appropriate accept proposed change to CVS operation.

Melanie began the discussion by expressing her regret that no one had come forward to fill any of the vacant positions within CVS and proposed that the current operation and workload be scaled down to ensure its continuation in a different form.

A robust discussion ensued between members. It was concluded that as those present represented a quorum, then the future of CVS should be decided at the EGM. Therefore the following actions were to be adopted;

a, CVS would continue as an organisational machine facilitating scaled back activities for the village, with an elected committee, keeping accounts and holding an AGM.

b, Those events would probably be; an annual children's Christmas party, an adults's New Year Party (voted in favour of New Year over Christmas)

Carol Singing, Autumn coffee and charity card sale, Annual Cricket match (organised by Kathryn Le Neve Foster), Produce Show (independent from CVS but accounts managed by CVS), September Tennis afternoon and tea (arranged by and held at the Cottingham's).

c, where possible information will be transmitted via e-mail and the village web-site, with paper copies being delivered to those without e-mail.

d, the Sward Hedge cutting costs will be passed to the parish council

e,rules of CVS changed accordingly.
Accepted unanimously.

2 To review, and as appropriate, accept revised CVS rules

The prime objective of CVS is to promote the village and maintain it's position as a village in an area of outstanding natural beauty and this is to be retained.
Certain rules relating to the number of committee members will be amended as appropriate.
The insurance premium may be reduced either by paying a £5 fee to take advantage of the school insurance when booking the hall, or by taking a reduced annual policy covering up to 15 events, should this still be available in December 09.
Accepted unanimously.

3 Election of Committee members or CVS Representatives, as appropriate

Colin Smith, Camilla Lennon, John Rimer, Peter Loring, Tina Kamei, Robert Grundy and Ruth Horsman were unanimously elected as committee members with Colin to act as treasurer and Ruth as acting chairman with all posts to be decided at their first meeting and to be properly approved at the next AGM.

Return to the AGM Agenda

10 Election of Officers to CVS

as above

11 Forthcoming Village Events

Produce Show

12 AOB

A reminder was given to continue to look at the village web-site.
Robert invited people to join others at the, "Not working and Not Men's club," at the Red Lion on the first Wednesday of the month.

Colin thanked Melanie again for her work as chairman and to those including Melanie who prepared and copied such things as flyers, agendas, notices and newsletters.

Kathryn extended a huge "thank you," on behalf of the village to Melanie.

Melanie thanked Elizabeth Macleod Matthews for her kind hospitality and thanked Mike at the Red Lion for his continued support of village events and declared the meeting closed.