

ABBOTS LEIGH CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall on 18th January 2017

Present: Paul Thompson (Chairman), Mike Crabtree (Treasurer), Pip A'Ness, Elizabeth Anderson, John Blain, Jane Gibbons, Anoo Jain, Betty Lanham, Di Stewart (Committee Members), Elizabeth Whitehouse (these minutes), Simon Talbot-Ponsonby, John Butler and Murray Stewart (Parish Councillors)
Donald Davies (North Somerset Councillor)

1. The Chairman **welcomed** 30 people to the AGM.
2. **Apologies** had been received from Sarah Pitt, Grant & Karen Watson and Paul Whitehouse.
3. **Minutes of 2016 AGM**
Resolved unanimously that the minutes of the 2016 AGM be approved (proposed by Jane Gibbons, seconded by Peter Gibbons).
4. **Chairman's Report:** All the events were very successful and well attended. Paul Thompson expressed special thanks to the Andersons for hosting the summer drinks party, Wo Hill, for hosting, and John & Jenny Maycock, for sponsoring, the Village Tennis Tournament; Jeremy Warren for providing a huge new marquee; Patricia Pople for providing storage & power for the Festival in the Field & Bonfire Night. The Produce and Flower show ran successfully alongside the Festival in the Field. The Children's Christmas party and the New Year's Day brunch were very popular. He thanked all those who had organised and assisted at the different events, which would not have been so successful without so many willing helpers, as well as his fellow committee members, councillors and residents.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Crabtree set out the current position:

	2016	2015
Opening balance	£9,231	£ 8,687
Receipts	£4,839	£ 3,958
Payments	(£3,113)	(£3,414)
Balance at 31 Dec	£10,957	£ 9,231
Surplus for the year	£1,726	£544

Resolved unanimously: that the accounts be approved (proposed by Simon Talbot Ponsonby and seconded by Sian Narracott)

- 6. Election of Committee Members** Paul Thompson (Chairman), Paul Whitehouse (Secretary), Mike Crabtree (Treasurer), Pip A'Ness, Elizabeth Anderson, John Blain, Jane Gibbons, Anoo Jain and Di Stewart had agreed to stand for re-election to the Committee. Betty Lanham was standing down.

Resolved unanimously: that Paul Thompson (chair), Paul Whitehouse (secretary), Mike Crabtree (Treasurer), Pip A'Ness, Elizabeth Anderson, John Blain, Jane Gibbons, Anoo Jain and Di Stewart be re-elected (proposed by Murray Stewart seconded by Peggy Stembridge)
The Chairman thanked Betty Lanham and made a presentation to her.

7. Future Events

Paul Thompson reminded those present of the dates for the coming year:

Sunday/Monday 16/17 April

Sunday 4 June

Saturday 18 June

July

Sunday 10 September

Sunday 5 November

December

Monday 1 January 2018

**Provisional*

*Easter Egg Hunt**

Villagers v Cricket Club match

Summer Drinks Party

*Tennis Tournament**

Festival in The Field

Bonfire Night

*Children's Christmas party**

New Year's Day Brunch

8. Village Updates

- a) **Sarah Friend** introduced the work of the West of England Rural network. She explained that she helps people in villages to remain independent within their own homes.
- b) **Housebuilding The Future for Abbots Leigh:** Murray Stewart spoke about the West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Transport Study, the 2016 Housing Survey, the Pill and District Community Land Trust and the Neighbourhood Plan. The slides he spoke to are on the village website.
9. **Georgie Biggs, Chair of CPRE Avonside** spoke about the work of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Next year's AGM will be on Wednesday 24th January 2018.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm