

ABBOTS LEIGH CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 23 January 2020

Present: Paul Thompson (Chairman), Mike Crabtree (Treasurer), Paul Whitehouse (Secretary), Pip A'Ness, John Blain, Rachael Doherty, Jane Gibbons, Paulina Gillespie, Anoo Jain, Ian Larthe de Langladure, Debbie Nelmes, Drew Smith and Murray Stewart¹ (Committee Members), John Butler (Parish Councillor) and 12 others.

1. **Apologies** had been received from Audrey & Jeremy Telling, Robert Narracott and Simon Talbot-Ponsonby.
2. **Chairman's Report:** Paul Thompson reported that he had been very pleased with the attendance at all events. The inclement weather required the Summer Drinks Party to be moved from the Manor House garden to the Village Hall.

The Village v Club Cricket Match Village Tennis Tournament had both been cancelled through organisational issues and the weather. Bonfire Night was once again very busy, despite being a weeknight and continued to be quite a pull from areas outside the village. The takings, even on a Tuesday night, reflected its popularity.

The Children's Christmas Party had become a popular addition to the village calendar, but unfortunately no volunteers had come forward to replace Vickie Howard and Helen Cornish to run the New Year's Day Brunch. They had stepped down after two successful years and he hoped that volunteers could be found to run the event next year. The Village Suppers had been re-introduced as monthly events at *The George* and were proving increasingly popular.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Crabtree set out the current position:

	2019	2018
Opening balance	£8,470.39	£6,489.52
Receipts	£5,647.63	£6,489.52
Payments*	(£4,759.93)	(£5,420.65)
Balance at 31 December	£9,358.09	£8,470.39
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	£887.70	£1,980.60

*This included grants towards the Church Fabric Fund for the repainting of the toilets (£400) and the repair of the tower clock (£450).

The Annual Accounts² were unanimously approved by the meeting.

1 Murray Stewart is also a Parish Councillor.
2 Copies available from the Secretary.

The Chairman thanked Mike Crabtree for his 10 years of unstinting service as a Committee Member and Treasurer.

4. Election of Committee Members

It was agreed unanimously that Pip A'Ness, John Blain, Rachael Doherty, Jane Gibbons, Paulina Gillespie, Anoo Jain, Ian Larthe de Langladure, Debbie Nelmes, Drew Smith, Murray Stewart, Paul Thompson and Paul Whitehouse be re-elected.

5. Appointment of Treasurer

It was agreed unanimously that Ian Larthe de Langladure be appointed Treasurer, and that our bank mandates with HSBC be amended so that his name replaces Mike Crabtree as sole signatory.

6. Future Events

The Chairman reminded those present of the dates for the coming year:

Sunday 22 April	Easter Egg Hunt
<i>June*</i>	Villagers v Cricket Club match
<i>June*</i>	Summer Drinks Party
<i>June/July*</i>	Tennis Tournament
<i>September*</i>	Festival in The Field
Thursday 5 November	Bonfire Night
<i>December*</i>	Children's Christmas Party
Friday 1 January 2021	New Year's Day Brunch
<i>*Exact dates to be advised</i>	

7. Presentation

Nell Larthe de Langladure gave a presentation on Ecobricks.

8. Village Updates

Murray Stewart gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm