

ABBOTS LEIGH CIVIC SOCIETY
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 2 February 2023

Present: Jane Gibbons & Debbie Nelmes (Joint Chairs), Gabi Watson (Secretary), Rachael Doherty, Paulina Gillespie, Jon Brewer, Henry Burnand, Adrianna Allen and Murray Stewart¹ (Committee Members) and 24 others.

- 1. Apologies** had been received from Ian Larthe de Langladure, Simon Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair of Parish Council), Martin Walker (Parish Council).
- The **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on 3 February 2022 were accepted as a correct record.
- Joint Chair's Report:** Debbie Nelmes and Jane Gibbons presented an account of the Society's activities through the year. All other attending members of the ALCS also contributed towards the presentation.

4. Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of Ian Larthe de Langladure Jon Brewer set out the current position:

	2022
Opening balance	£8,937.79
Receipts	£3,783.96
Payments	£4,285.03
Balance at 31 December 22	£8,436.72
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-£501.07

The Annual Accounts² were unanimously approved by the meeting.

5. Election of Committee Members

Paul Whitehouse (secretary) has retired this year and this was announced at the meeting. The committee was very grateful for his time and commitment to the Civic Society. A presentation of a Gift Voucher for the Village Pub was made in his absence. Gabi Watson has taken on the role of Secretary. It was agreed unanimously that Jane Gibbons and Debbie Nelmes would be reelected as Joint Chair and that Jon Brewer, Henry Burnand and Adriana Allen Rachael Doherty, Paulina Gillespie, Ian Larthe de Langladure, Murray Stewart and Gabi Watson be re-elected. A new Committee member, Melanie King, was proposed and seconded. Melanie is now elected onto the committee.

6. Any Other business:

Sophy Gretton – Roots allotment update. Sophy is part of a group in the village strongly opposed to the development. This Sunday there is a meeting to discuss this 2-4pm at Home Farm. All villagers are most welcome to attend.

Robert Narracott – Stated that the PC is against the Roots development.

Alice Roberts – suggestion for future events was Halloween and pumpkin carving party with older village children to assist the younger ones.

7. Presentation

Helen Woodfield told us about the work of the Parish Church. Church numbers have been increasing, especially around Christmas. The Church has been developing a more eco friendly church yard with working groups made up of volunteer helpers from the village the first Saturday each month. On 16th Feb the church has a meeting with the Arch Deacon to discuss who may be the next incumbent priest. Helen explained that maintenance of the vicarage is the responsibility of the diocese. Helen finished with this statement from the Church: "The Church wants to be Integral and relevant to the community and to partner together as much as possible"

¹Murray Stewart is also a Parish Councillor.

²Copies available from the Secretary.