

CHESTERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 8 July 2010
7.15pm for 7.45pm prompt
St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road**

Minutes

Steering Group Attendance:

Michael Bond (Chair), Valerie Cutting, Nicky Morrison, Philip White, Olive Hamblin, Eleanor Whalley

Steering Group Apologies:

Clive Brown, Gillian Wallace, Ian Manning

Welcome and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance.

At a meeting of Old Chesterton Residents Association (OCRA) in February 2009 it was realised that as the population of Chesterton continues to grow, with residents eager to help shape the future of their community, the need for a central group to co-ordinate their efforts was identified. Chesterton Community Association was formed in June 2009 in response to this need. An application has been made for registration with the Charity Commission but the process is taking longer than expected.

The mission statement, as agreed by the Steering Group, is now displayed on the website and newsletter. "Chesterton Community Association is the Community Anchor for Chesterton, aiming to bring together residents, businesses, statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations to make social, education and leisure facilities more easily available to all."

Plans for the future were outlined. These include the continuing support of St Andrew's Hall, the preparation for Chesterton Festival 2011 and involvement in future plans for Pye Rec.

Retiring Steering Group Members, Nicky Morrison, Philip White and Gillian Wallace were thanked for their efforts during the past year. New Committee Members, Michael Dawson, Judith Findlay and Kenneth Turner were welcomed.

Membership of CCA has increased since the redesign of the website and the distribution of the newsletter.

Local Councillors in attendance expressed an interest in becoming members of CCA. Chairman explained that this would create a notifiable interest on any matter brought by CCA to the North Area Committee (currently an important funder of CCA activities) and preclude their involvement in discussions and decisions on such matters. The Councillors withdrew their membership interest but agreed to continue to be associated with CCA as corresponding members, i.e. receiving all information but not having the right to vote.

1. Minutes

1.1. This is the first Annual General Meeting of Chesterton Community Association.

2. Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts

2.1. The Chairman presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Kenneth Turner,

seconded by Valerie Cutting with none opposed. These documents can be viewed at www.mycca.org.uk.

3. Election of Honorary Officers

3.1. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected from Management Committee members by the Management Committee at their first meeting following this AGM.

3.2. In accordance with Clause 9 of the Constitution the following Honorary Officer positions were filled by election at this meeting

Treasurer – Michael Bond was re-elected

Secretary – Not filled

4. Management Committee

4.1. At this first AGM the Steering Group becomes a formal Management Committee. The following were elected to serve on the Management Committee

Michael Bond

Clive Brown

Valerie Cutting

Michael Dawson

Judith Findlay

Ian Manning

Kenneth Turner

5. Association Activities

5.1. The second edition of the newsletter was distributed week commencing 28 June.

5.2. The development of the website was noted. Visitor numbers to the website have increased significantly since distribution of newsletters.

5.3. Chesterton Festival 25-28 June 2010 – A grant for Festival funding of £3,543 was received from Cambridge Community Foundation. All of the events were well attended by local residents. Feedback received so far has been very positive. Planning for next year's event is already underway.

5.4. A grant application has been made in respect of a competition to design and suggest location(s) for village sign(s) for Chesterton. This was considered by the North Area Committee on 10 June which approved it subject to a condition suggested by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation that CCA talk to local newsletter editors with a view to achieving a joint distribution arrangement rather than incurring the expense of paid delivery. Discussions are proceeding and a meeting is likely to be held in the near future.

5.5. CCA acted as grant recipient on behalf of residents of Primary Court to renew orphan fencing between their estate and Scotland Road Recreation Ground. This fencing was renewed at the end of March 2010.

5.6. Lil Speed Award was presented posthumously and received by Rosemary Stubbings, widow of the late Derek Stubbings founder Chairman of Chesterton Local History Society, on 4 February at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Hall.

5.7. Chesterton Community Carols, advertised as being supported by the Association, was well-attended despite poor weather and is likely to be repeated.

6. Other Business

6.1. No other business was discussed

7. Date of Next Annual General Meeting

7.1. To be announced

8. Meeting ended at 8.45pm