

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the

PURLEY BEECHES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 28 November 2018 at

Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road, Purley on Thames

The Chairman, Barry Kochanek opened the meeting at 8pm.

1. **Apologies.** Received from: John & Jenny Dimmock; John & Anne Bolland; Patrick Stonehewer; Martin Hewett.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting.** Agreed as read.
3. **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairman's report.** The Chairman began by welcoming all present to the AGM. The year had been routine with no serious overriding issues to be dealt with. Two instances of vehicles parked causing obstruction had been dealt with. The Parish Council now have a notice board at the entrance to the path at the Roebuck end. He thanked those who attended the clear up days, which proved more convenient being on a Saturday with the provision of coffee and a doughnut. He also thanked all the Committee for their contribution throughout the year, for attending meetings, making deliveries or collecting subscriptions. He particularly thanked Jill Brown as secretary, Tony Stener as treasurer and Margaret Rolfe who has, for many years, meticulously arranged the collection of subscriptions. He also thanked those residents who had been involved in the Village Plan which was currently being delivered. He hoped that this would give us food for thought and, more importantly, introduce many of the activities and amenities available in the village.
5. **Treasurer's report.** The final balance as at 31 October 2018 amounted to £13,796.85 in N^o 1 Account and £2,198.91 in N^o 2 Account. Subscriptions for 2017/2018 amounted to £1,905.00 (127 subscriptions collected from 164 properties). The bulk of the expenditure had been essential tree work, including a tree survey. A further £4,400.00 will be required for urgent tree work highlighted in the survey. Therefore it was proposed by the Chairman that the subscription for 2019 should be increased from £15.00 to £17.00. (In 2005 the increase was from £10.00 to £12.00 and in 2008 to £15.00). The proposal was carried by a show of hands; 20 for and 3 against.
6. **Maintenance of land and trees.** Stewart Bee of Bee Trees, who deals very expertly with the woods on our behalf, had given members of the Association a guided tour of the woods explaining details of the various trees and what needed to be done in the way of maintenance in general. Network Rail had recently sent a letter to our 3 trustees to inform them that they were considering planting trees and bushes alongside the railway to mitigate the effect of the electrification project. Details of this will be sent out to PBRA members separately. There had been no progress with Network Rail regarding fallen tree.

7. **Clear Up days.** The Clear Up days on Saturday morning were very successful but it was stressed that more volunteers would be appreciated. It was necessary to keep the areas owned by the Association clear of debris and overgrown foliage so as to keep the environment a pleasant place to live.

8. **Memorial tree and plaque for David Edwards.** David Edwards had been in charge of the trees during his time on the committee and a Beech Tree and plaque had been purchased in his memory at a cost of £126.00. It was unanimously agreed by a show of hands that this should be paid for from PBRA funds

9. **Defibrillator - update.** Although placement at Purley Magna had been refused, Tony Stener was willing to contact them again as this was such a central location that had a power supply available. It was thought that a grant would be available if we could find a suitable location. It was agreed, by a show of hands, that the matter should be pursued.

10. **Theobald Development.** Planning Permission for the proposed development of 10 detached dwellings on the north side of Theobald Drive had been refused by West Berkshire District Council.

11. **Election of committee and officers.**

Barry Kochanek proposed by Mike Williams, seconded by Graham Rolfe

Tony Stener proposed by Barry Kochanek, seconded by Anne Richie

Margaret Rolfe proposed by Mike Williams, seconded by Angela Edwards

Jill Brown proposed by Alex Weller, seconded by Margaret Rolfe

Anne Richie proposed by Barry Kochanek, seconded by Graham Rolfe

(All unanimously elected).

No-one was proposed to join the committee.

12. **A.O.B.** It was suggested that a 5 year retainer could be paid to a tree surgeon going forwards and alternative arrangements or a contingency plan would be needed if more funds were required, especially if there was a problem with Ash die back in the future. These suggestions would be discussed at the next committee meeting in January 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Committee Members:

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