

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the PURLEY BEECHES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 24 November 2021 at Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road, Purley on Thames

The Chairman, Barry Kochanek opened the meeting at 8.00pm.

- 1. Apologies.** Received from: John Dimmock; Judy Evans; Marjorie & Roger Butler; Nigel Weller
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting.** Agreed as read.
- 3. Matters arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman began by thanking residents for attending the AGM which was two years since the last AGM in 2019.

There have been some ownership changes this year and the Chairman thanked Graham and Margaret Rolfe for preparing a synopsis of the PBRA on the website. This gives a concise note for new residents to learn of its formation. He thanked those who had attended the clear up days and were able to enjoy a coffee and biscuit as a thank you.

The committee have been involved with the usual clear up days, trimming the overhanging vegetation along the Oxford Road and clearing the ivy from the walls and trees. A reminder that the reason for the subscriptions is to cover the costs of maintaining the wall and woods and for insurance cover.

Even if you are not living directly adjacent to the trees or walls, there is much to be said for keeping the 200 year old boundary and woods in order as an asset for all in the estate and those living in the immediate area.

He thanked all the committee for their continued support this year. He also said thank you to all the collectors who have given their time and effort over the years.

5. Treasurer's report.

The final balance as at 31 October 2021 amounted to £9,472.17 in N^o 1 Account and £3259.72 in N^o 2 Account. Subscriptions to date for 2020/2021 amounted to £1,734.00. Full accounts were available at the meeting if any members wanted to scrutinise them.

6. Maintenance of land and trees.

Our insurance cover requires us to undertake regular tree surveys and there has been no major work required this year.

7. Payment of subscriptions by Bank Transfer.

Following a discussion by the PBRA committee, the treasurer had investigated the possibility of paying subscriptions by standing order. Due to Covid restrictions most major banks had declined our request to open the necessary account but Margaret Rolfe had now opened an account with Metro Bank to accept bank transfers. Further details will be available nearer to subscription renewal time.

8. Clear Up days.

The Clear Up days on Saturday morning were quite 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.

9. Election of committee and officers.

Barry Kochanek proposed by Margaret Richardson, seconded by Anne Ritchie
Eric Mason proposes by Tony Stener, seconded by Anne Ritchie
Margaret Richardson proposed by Barry Kochanek, seconded by Jill Brown
Tony Stener proposed by Barry Kochanek, seconded by Jill Brown
Margaret Rolfe proposed by Barry Kochanek, seconded by Marie Stener
Jill Brown proposed by Alex Weller, seconded by Margaret Rolfe
Anne Ritchie proposed by Margaret Richardson, seconded by Mike Williams
(All unanimously elected). No-one was proposed to join the committee.

10. A.O.B.

10.1 To note that the website address is www.purleyonthames.org.uk/PBRA

10.2 Overhanging trees and flint walls abutting gardens are the responsibility of residents. The PBRA have used the services of Stuart Bee of Bee Trees, who is known to West Berkshire Council for his tree services.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Committee Members:

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| Barry Kochanek (Chairman) | 943 3819 |
| Tony Stener (Treasurer) | 941 7143 |
| Margaret Rolfe (Memberships) | 941 7247 |
| Anne Ritchie | 941 2465 |
| Jill Brown (Secretary) | 941 2326 |

Trustees:

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| Barry Kochanek | |
| Eric Mason | 941 3072 |
| Margaret Richardson | 942 3274 |