

paxcroft mead community forum : annual general meeting 2011

Tuesday 24th May 2011 @ Paxcroft Mead Community Centre

Present

Full Committee Members

Jonathan Hawkes

Rosemary Hawkes

Chris Hicks

Gordon Rees

Associate Committee Members and Advisors

Councillor Steve Oldrieve

PC Mark Hough

Also PC Jodie Price and 6 residents

1. Opening

The meeting opened at 8.15 pm.

2. Apologies and minutes of the last AGM

Apologies had been received from Adrian Ingham and Phil Stevens of the committee, Councillor Ernie Clark and Josh Northeast.

The adoption of the minutes was proposed from the floor by Jane Wosika and seconded by Maureen Campbell. The minutes were formally adopted as a true record and signed by Jonathan Hawkes as Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the minutes

Allotments

There had been no further progress on the allotments project. Warren Lee had done a lot of preparatory work, but had since moved away. Until someone came forward to head up the project, no further progress could be made.

Extension to the footpath on the edge of the estate towards Paxcroft School

The issue had been highlighted to LEAF, an environmental group under the auspices of Trowbridge Community Area Futures, but it seems likely that we would have to wait for it to be provided by developers.

Overgrown hedges

We were told by the Open Spaces Manager that the new grounds maintenance contract could be extended to include more regular hedgerow management, but this was dependent on available funds.

4. Chairman's Report

Jonathan read the Chairman's Report, and announced that it would be posted on the website after the meeting.

Key points covered were: the District Centre recycling facility, transport from the estate to Clarendon School, landscape maintenance and litter, local development, the Forum proposal for a BMX Track / Skate Park.

Thanks were recorded to Warren Lee and new committee member Gordon Rees was welcomed.

The Forum committee is always looking for new members.

5. Financial Report

Chris Hicks presented the Financial Report to the meeting and invited questions from the floor.

The adoption of the Financial Report was proposed by Gordon Rees and seconded by Linda Fitzmaurice.

The Financial Report was unanimously agreed and formally accepted as a true record.

6. The Election of the new Committee

Jonathan confirmed that all the committee members were willing to stand again and welcomed new nominee, Gordon Rees. He stood down for the process of election and handed over to Councillor Steve Oldrieve.

The election of the new committee en bloc – Jonathan Hawkes, Rosemary Hawkes, Chris Hicks, Adrian Ingham, Phil Stevens and Gordon Rees – proposed by PC Mark Hough and seconded by Jane Wosika, was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was recorded to the committee.

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7. BMX Track/Skate Park Presentation

In the absence of Adrian Ingham, who was heading up this project, Rosemary gave a short presentation with the help of Dan Tate, a young resident.

During the on-line consultation, the most pressing concern expressed had been the worry that the BMX track might increase anti-social behaviour. The committee had decided to go on with the project, whilst also looking into the matter of anti-social behaviour.

Research into anti-social behaviour showed that the best way forward was to involve local young people at an early stage. It was clear that the local kids wanted a skate park and the committee was presently looking into an option known as a "street park".

Jonathan thanked Dan Tate and Josh Northeast, who had given a presentation with Rosemary at the Hilperton Parish Assembly. He thanked Dan for his help with the AGM presentation.

8. Open Forum / Any Other Business

PC Mark Hough confirmed that anti-social behaviour was an on-going issue on Paxcroft Mead and that the lack of local youth facilities was a significant factor.

The possibility of involving local young people more in the Community Forum was suggested by young residents Ollie Gee and Dan Tate. Jonathan offered to look into the possibility of forming a Youth Forum on the estate.

Closing

Jonathan concluded by thanking everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.