



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 March 2017

at the Henrietta Barnet School Hall at 8.00pm

David B Lewis took the Chair and welcomed everyone present to the 105th Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

These were received from Alan Brudney, Mike Freer MP, Marilyn Grossman, Eva & Alan Jacobs, Jean Neal, Max Petersen, David & Jane Rapson, Dr Tony Spring, Brian & Jenny Stonhold, Rev Ian Tutton and Richard Wiseman

2. To Approve the Minutes of Annual General Meeting dated 21 March 2016

A summary of the Minutes had been placed on the chairs.

A Motion was proposed by David Littaur and seconded by Jonathan Seres

'To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 21 March 2016

This was carried Nem Con

3. To Receive and Approve the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2016

The Accounts for twelve months to 31st December 2016 had been placed on the chairs. The Annual Report had been included in Suburb News and delivered to all Suburb residents.

Questions were raised about the £1 share in the Orchard owned by the RA and the RA's collection of donations for Fellowship.

A Motion was proposed by Emma Howard and seconded by Bruce McKay

'To receive and approve the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2016'

This was carried Nem Con

4. To Elect Officers and Council Members for 2017/18.

The Chairman explained that in previous years that there had been a show of hands at the AGM although the RA Constitution states that there should be a ballot. The dictionary definition of a ballot is that who voted for what is kept secret which is what will take place this year.

Election of Chairman In the absence of the Vice Chairman Gary Shaw the RA Secretary chaired the Meeting for this item:

There were two candidates for the office of Chairman Brian Ingram and David B Lewis. Both candidates delivered a short speech explaining how they would take the RA forward and took questions from the floor.

The following were nominated for election as Officers:

Vice-Chairman - Max Petersen

Hon. Treasurer - David Epstein

There was no nomination for the position of Hon. Secretary. The Chairman said that there is provision in the Constitution that vacancies for officers between AGMs can be filled by a resolution of RA Council.

Nominations for Election to Council

The following were nominated for election to Council:

Adrian Hodgson

Emma Howard

Brian Ingram

Gary Shaw

Peter Spaul

The following members had retired by rotation and offered themselves for re-election

Lynda Cook

Jeremy Hershkorn

Jonathan Seres

Ann Spencer

Council members seeking election were invited to say a few words to the Meeting.

A secret ballot took place and the results were as follows:

Election of Chairman

Brian Ingram: 13 votes

David B Lewis: 55 votes

Abstentions: 7

Vice-Chairman: Max Petersen

Hon Treasurer: David Epstein

Election of Council

Newly elected: Adrian Hodgson, Emma Howard, Gary Shaw, Peter Spaul

Re-elected: Jeremy Hershkorn, Jonathan Seres, Ann Spencer

The Chairman thanked the retirees for all the work they had done for the RA. He told the Meeting about the death of Charles Gale who was a friend and a member of

many RA Committees. He said Charles was always willing to take on a job that no one else wished to do. The RA will try to organise a memorial in his name.

5. To Appoint an Honorary Accountant

The Chairman thanked Paul Hartley for acting as Honorary Accountant of the Association and for agreeing to continue for a further year.

A Motion was proposed by David B Lewis and seconded by Pia Duran.

'To re-appoint Paul Hartley as the RA's Honorary Accountant for the coming year'

This was carried Nem Con.

6. To consider the suggested annual subscription for Membership year 2018

The RA Council had recommended that there be no change to the suggested annual subscription of £15 per household, which had been in place since 2007. A motion was proposed by Gary Shaw and seconded by David B Lewis

'That there should be no change in the suggested annual subscription for 2018'

This was passed Nem Con

7. Any Other Business

The Chairman invited members to ask questions and there was a general discussion on various issues which included the proposed development of Bute Mews which had been the subject of a Public Meeting organised by the RA; overgrown hedges and trees; crime prevention on the Suburb where the Chairman expressed the hope that someone would revive Neighbourhood Watch; an update on the proposed development of the area around Golders Green Station; the need to encourage youth on the Suburb to become involved with the RA; the successful refurbishment of Central Square and its tennis courts; pot holes and the state of some Suburb Roads, especially Erskine Hill, Hampstead Way, Wildwood Road, Erskine Hill and Meadway.

Falloden Way

The Chairman spoke about the tragic accident that had recently taken place at the Ossulton Way/Northway crossing at Market Place where a lady was killed. He said that the RA would be holding a Public Meeting to discuss this and possible improvements to the safety of this crossings on that stretch of road would be considered once the RA had received further information about the accident which had been requested from the authorities.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments.