



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2010

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton and was opened at 8.15pm with a welcome from the Chairman - Dr David Lincoln. There were 20 (twenty) people who attended, their names and addresses are recorded on the register of attendance.

Apologies

Apologies were recorded from thirteen members – Mrs Jean Taylor, Mrs Edna Ames, Mrs Jane Pavey, Mr John & Mrs Jane Mortimer, Mr Colin Brown, Mr Alan Outon, Mr Peter Blackmore, Mrs Sheila Lincoln, Mrs Diane Cousins, Mrs Chris Killick, Mr Bob Smith and Mrs Jean Peacock.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2009 having been circulated were confirmed by Mr Peter Ames, seconded by Mr John Whitbread and approved by the members.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave his report and distributed copies of the accounts showing the previous balance and receipts of £438.00, expenditure of £246.67 leaving a balance of £380.09.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Dr David Lincoln presented his report. He thanked the members of the committee for their efforts over the past year and expressed special thanks to the Society's Consultant for the conscientious way in which he addressed planning issues that were brought before the Society. Dr Lincoln, on behalf of the membership offered his thanks to Mr John and Mrs Jean Taylor for their hospitality in hosting the Society's Wine & Cheese evening, which was attended by 57 people at their home on Thursday 2nd July 2009.

Planning Consultant's Report

Mr John Taylor QC gave his report as the Society's Planning Consultant. He had responded on behalf of residents and members of the society to a number of planning applications. He had opposed The Silver Lake Farm proposal for conversion to a private residence for lawful development, the proposed extension to 5 Church Street and the application to develop the rear garden of 65 Shefford Road was also opposed, however, the applicants were successful in obtaining a consent. The society was successful in its opposition to the tree felling and lopping in Clifton House Close. It was pointed out to the planning authority that the gate piers at the Clifton House Gardens development should be capped with stone, not bricks.

Local Development Framework – Mr Taylor confirmed his attendance and represented the society at the Central Bedfordshire Council meeting to discuss (1) General Principles on 23rd June, (2) Settlement Envelopes on 25th June, (3) Affordable Housing

on 30th June (4) Open Space Session on 2nd July and (5) Main Matters on the 10th July 2009. The strategy of the plan was approved but not added to. The Council's original proposal for site allocations was in excess of 100 houses, which was later reduced to 80.

Election of Officers and Committee

The election of officers took place as follows:

Dr David Lincoln was elected Chairman.

Proposed by Mr John Taylor & seconded by Mrs Jane Whitbread.

Mr James Peacock was elected Secretary.

Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mrs Dorothy Brown.

Mr John Whitbread was elected Treasurer.

Proposed by Mrs Joan Dann & seconded by Mrs Kathy Blackmore.

Committee:

Mr Peter Ames – Proposed by Mr John Whitbread & seconded by Dr David Lincoln.

Mr D Killick – Proposed by Mr Peter Ames & seconded by Mrs Jane Whitbread.

Ms Tracey Moynihan – Proposed by Dr David Lincoln and seconded by Mr John Taylor

Planning Consultant:

Mr John Taylor was reappointed as Planning Consultant

Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mr Peter Ames.

Society Events

After the very popular Wine and Cheese evenings in 2008 and 2009, it was decided to hold another Wine and Cheese evening on Thursday 8th July 2010 and Mr Taylor very kindly offered his home at The Grange as the venue.

Any Other Business

Members were invited to raise and submit any appropriate issues for consideration to either the Secretary via post or e-mail cips@clifton-beds.co.uk or any member of the committee. A committee meeting would be held prior to agreeing any strategies or responses to local or national government. Mr Don Killick raised a question regarding tree lopping in Church Street which had changed the visual character and appearance near the Church. Although a planning consent had been approved to reduce the trees by 20%, it appeared that well in excess of this had been removed. The County Arboriculturalist had already been contacted and it was hoped that any further applications made in Church Street would be monitored and controlled more seriously. Mr Brian Padgett brought up the subject of allotments. He informed the meeting about the work being carried out at The Samuel Whitbread School and about the co-operative allotment area. Brian also extended an invitation to those present to attend a "muck spreading day" at the school. Mr John Taylor referred to the Gypsy / Traveller Site and strongly recommended that members kept a close eye on any further activity.

Dr Lincoln thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Date: 16th March 2011

Dr David Lincoln
Chairman