

# Green Street Green Village Society



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 MAY 2015

### GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman, Bob Trott, welcomed many Village Society members and guests to the Meeting, including PCSO David Lillywhite, who attended despite it being his day off. He introduced the officers, Alan Garelick (Centre Treasurer), Margot Rohan (Secretary), Bob Mills (Membership Secretary) and Colin Warner (Society Treasurer).

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Kim Botting, Pat Clark, Steve & Chris Garrod, Jim & Sandra Holder, Joy Keats, Sharon Luck, Dot Ryder, Mr & Mrs Colin Wright,

2. **MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 16 MAY 2014**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 16 May 2014 had been posted on the website but, unfortunately, copies were not available at the meeting. The Chairman assured everyone that the Committee had read them and moved that they be accepted. No one raised any queries.

Proposed by Elizabeth Downie and seconded by Meriel Mills.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Parking is still an issue; an ongoing situation. Hopefully Cllr Keith Onslow will be attending later in the meeting and will cover this.

Public conveniences – nothing has happened but we have been unable to find out exactly what is happening since they have been sold and a planning application for change of use to offices has been approved.

4. **TREASURERS' REPORTS**

Printed accounts were circulated. Copies are filed with the Master Minutes and are also available on the website.

4.1. **GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Alan Garelick presented the report:

- Rents receivable – increase of £850, due to more hall hirings and an increase in the charges
- Raffle ticket sales – increased by £76 – were able to sell tickets outside Waitrose. 4,000 tickets printed – would be nice to sell more
- Greenwood Talks – 3 so far and been well attended and enjoyable. Raised £160 profit.
- Sponsorship from Edmunds and Ecotech to cover costs of design and printing for future talks

- Outgoings – cleaning reduced by £137 – no outside cleaning this year
- Gas & electricity – reduction of £583 – new gas boiler more efficient and negotiated better prices by changing the utility company from British Gas to Scottish Power
- Repairs & maintenance – reduction of £1,100
- Cash in bank £6,481 – improvement over last year
- In future hiring charges will be paid directly into the bank
- Future expenses – decoration and repair of hall in August

Kevyn Streeter: Who specified on the internal repairs?

Alan Garelick: The Committee discussed 3 quotes and agreed the most appropriate one.

The Accounts were agreed. Proposed by Barrie Newman and seconded by Ken Bullen

#### 4.2. **GREEN STREET GREEN VILLAGE SOCIETY**

Colin Warner, presented the Report:

- Been paid by Greenwood Community Centre for War Loan repayment (£1,500)

Income: Subscriptions up to £1290

Expenditure: 2 newsletters - £560 (£10 more than last year)

Balance: £5,763

The Accounts were agreed. Proposed by Joyce Lowes and seconded by Marjorie Parker

#### 5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Bob Trott's report had been circulated. He gave a brief summary:

- £1500 war bond repaid by the government – it was in the Greenwood Centre name although agreed it would be part of the Village Society
- Committee agreed that, if needed, the Society would transfer funds to cover works needed on the Centre – agreed by treasurers and auditor
- Biggin Hill Airport – BRAAD have told Bob that negotiations with the Council have started regarding fulfilling the conditions. Likely to be a long discussion before it goes back to the Council for ratification. There are a number of agitators, so not yet a 'done deal'

*(See AOB for discussions on some issues mentioned in the report)*

The report was accepted. Proposed by Tony Bradley and seconded by Chris Fleming

#### 6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The Meeting agreed officers as follows, the current office holders having agreed to re-stand and there being no other nominees:-

Chairman:	Bob Trott
Vice-Chair:	Bob Mills
Greenwood Centre Treasurer:	Alan Garelick
Village Society Treasurer:	Colin Warner
Secretary:	Margot Rohan

Proposed by Brenda Newman and seconded by Sheila Brown

The following Committee members stood down this year:  
Kim Botting (who is Mayor of Bromley 2015-16) and Ian Matheson.

The following Committee members agreed to restand:  
Committee Members: Elizabeth Downie, Tamara Galloway, Richard Gibbons, Meriel Mills, Gill Russell, Dot Ryder and Eddie Sims. Rob Clark has been ill but was proposed to continue unless the Committee hears otherwise.  
Proposed by Barrie Newman and seconded by Gwyneth Bradley

The following members agreed to stand: Janet Stacey  
Proposed by Meriel Mills and seconded by Joyce Lowes

The Chairman, Vice-Chair, Greenwood Centre Treasurer and Secretary are Trustees of the Greenwood Centre Charity.

Honorary Auditor: Stephen Gates was agreeable to being re-elected.

Proposed by Ken Bullen and seconded by Marjorie Parker  
Agreed by the meeting.

## 7. **REVISION OF CONSTITUTION**

Recently rejoined Bromley Borough Federation of Residents Association and a requirement is that the Constitution clearly states the Society objectives include: "to be non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit making". The Constitution has had an extra Object added accordingly.

Proposed by Brenda Newman and seconded by Kevyn Streeter  
Agreed by the meeting.

## 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN FORUM**

### **The Priory:**

Margot Rohan gave an update. After several meetings with Bromley Council, members of the campaign group feel there is a more positive attitude towards the possibility of the community developing a viable business plan for a charitable trust to take on management of the building. The majority of the members in the group have agreed that the challenge of managing a museum, requiring specialist care of the collection and a curator, is not feasible at this stage, so will not challenge its 'moving' to Bromley Central Library (as 2 static exhibitions). They are working on a proposal including a heritage centre, with revenue generation from room lettings and, eventually, a café and gift shop. *Click on the following link for further information:* [The future of The Priory](#)

### **Dilapidation in the High Street:**

Tony Bradley mentioned the wall opposite Waitrose. The insurance company of the car driver who knocked it down is prepared to repair it but no one seems to know who owns the wall. EDF say they do not have responsibility for the wall. The resident of No.10 Winnipeg Drive is not responding. The insurance company will only deal with the owner or their insurance company. Cost of fixing it is around £400. Tony suggested the AGM agree to covering the cost of the repair if all else fails. Bob Trott has been told by LBB that no.10 does own the wall, according to the Land Registry information. Kevyn Streeter, who is a surveyor, suggested that the owner be put the owner on notice and the Society propose to repair it but this will need doing following proper legal procedures.

Meriel expressed concern about setting a precedent, so that the Society would be expected to repair it again, as it is not the first time this wall has been damaged.

Joyce Lowes suggested that no.10 may be rented and the owner may not live there as the property is quite unkempt.

Brenda Newman mentioned the 'Nutmeg Lane' building (white clapperboard opposite the end of World's End Lane) – up for sale but what is happening, as it is becoming dilapidated?

### **Sale of High Elms?**

Bob Trott mentioned he had heard the Council considering a sale of High Elms. *(Cllr Lydia Buttinger was questioned on this after the meeting ended and indicated that Bromley Council are not selling any parks but may be contracting out the maintenance of them.)*

### **Parking:**

Barrie Newman raised the issue of Beech and Holly Roads receiving double yellow lines at the ends of the roads. He asked what the Council is considering. Bob Trott said that, as far as he is aware, for the Tree roads there has been no change of plan. There have been a number of complaints about various suggestions in World's End Lane. The Council are rethinking a number of points. When visiting the area, officers noticed a marked problem in World's End Lane near the school. They suggested double yellow lines but there were objections from a number of people. There are still concerns about yellow lines being too short so visibility coming out of turnings is still challenging.

Kevyn Streeter complained of inappropriate parking in Kingsley Road. He has been taking photos of dangerous parking – particularly by people dropping off and collecting pupils from the school.

Bob Trott mentioned the petition regarding Glentrammon Gardens and Close.

### **Waitrose:**

Brenda Newman complained of rubbish on the high street, particularly outside Waitrose. Rubbish was piled up by trolleys and was there for 2 weeks. It gets cleared after complaints but then builds up again. The Village Society will write to Waitrose asking them to keep the area surrounding their property clean.

Waitrose have a scheme where staff give 500 hours a year for community projects. A suggestion was made to ask them to clear the rubbish. The Society will also write to the school to ask them to get children to put rubbish in bins.

### **Flowers in the high street:**

Meriel explained that some years ago the Council did look at providing 2 large containers of flowers but the only suitable place was outside the public conveniences, so the other one went to the Crescent and now the public conveniences have been sold.

### **Street cleaning:**

Brenda Newman contacted the Council and they did clean (not very well) in part of Beech Road. Eddie Sims explained that the Council did come and clear leaves but some of gullies are still full.

### **Ex Car Sales plot:**

Bob Trott mentioned the ex car sales plot – it is rumoured it is to become a tyre sales operation. Tony Bradley stated it is a totally unsuitable site for cars going in and out.

**Police report:**

PCSO David Lillywhite gave a summary of crime statistics (*can be viewed on the website*).

New commitment – visit every school, church, residents' group on the ward once a month.

Waiting for training to use a speed gun so they can stop vehicles and hand out tickets. Have been using camera to do surveys.

Bob Mills asked for volunteers to use the speed gun to monitor traffic. PC Bradley is taking his training course in June.

**Zebra Crossing:**

The Council are not going to do anything. They have carried out a survey, looked at costs and moving but decided to leave it. They are looking at changing the law so it is not illegal for vehicles to drive over the crossing into the car park.

**New heating system:**

Alan Garelick said it was early days to decide whether there are savings. Gill Russell commented that, when it was very cold, it took a long time to warm up. Other hirers have interfered with it but notices have been put up requesting people not to touch the settings. Timings have been altered so the heating comes on earlier. Now the temperature is left at 18 degrees and it is better.

The Meeting closed at 9:02pm, followed by refreshments.