

WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT "THE LODGE"
ON TUESDAY 27th APRIL 2004

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: [see list]

Councillors: District - Colin Dibsdall
Parish - Phil Hobson

Apologies: P Marley
S & S Saunders
D & J Lifton

The Chairman, Mr Chris Courtney, opened the meeting.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 29th April 2003 were read and approved.

2. Matters Arising

Home Farm - are they included in the Association? Committee confirmed that Newsletters were being delivered to them, but so far no feedback received or interest shown in joining the Association.

3. Chairman's Report

Regrettably, the mobile library service provided by the council has been stopped.

The Carol service at the Mission Church was very successful. It is a good event for the local people to get together.

Once again some residents of Well Hill participated in the Produce show held at Chelsfield village hall.

Results from the WHRA questionnaire are being collated currently. Provisional results will be discussed later in the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet shows no major outgoings or income for the year. It was confirmed that the association is no longer a member of the LBBRF.

5. Election of Committee

Nominations have been received for 5 existing committee members. As there were less nominations than positions available, the nominees were duly elected.

6. Election of Officers

Confirmation of which committee members will be carrying out which roles within the committee will be announced following the next committee meeting and circulated in the next Newsletter.

7. Preliminary Results from Questionnaire

Data entry has not yet been completed and verified, however there are provisional results for several categories, some of which are displayed on the noticeboard and the WHRA website. It would seem

that people in the village want gas to be laid on, but do not want a skateboard area or a one-way system. Street lighting was evenly balanced.

The committee asked that anyone who had not yet done so should return their questionnaire as there was still time to include it in the results. A cut off point would be taken once data from all existing returned questionnaires had been entered. 42 forms have been received so far. The committee was congratulated on getting so many back.

When asked what the questionnaire was trying to achieve, the committee replied that the intention was to try and find out what people wanted and identify issues that the committee could pursue on behalf of the Residents.

With regard to a separate Parish Council for Well Hill, letters have been written to Shoreham and Crockenhill Parish councils asking for their support in Well Hill's request to create their own Parish Council.

A brief discussion took place on the objections to a one-way system at Rock Hill/Well Hill.

8. AOB

The committee asked whether any residents would like to receive their Newsletter by E-mail rather than through the door. It would also mean that people could be updated more regularly on things happening within the village including warnings if burglars or con-men were operating in the area.

A question was asked about the availability of Broadband within Well Hill. It was stated that the Parish council are currently investigating this to see what can be done, but the limit as far as anyone is aware at the moment is near the bottom of Rock Hill.

The committee were asked whether they could find out when the section of the M25 was due to be re-surfaced using the noise reducing surface material now available. Committee to write to Dept of Transport.

Colin Dibsall spoke briefly on the issue of a Parish Council for Well Hill and indicated that he would support the proposal.

As a District Councillor, he was also asked why the frequency of the Saturday freighter had been reduced so much. It was obvious that other areas do not use the freighter as much as Well hill, so perhaps the Council could be approached to review the schedule on this basis.

There being no other business to discuss, The Chairman thanked all for attending.

The meeting was closed at 9:30pm