

Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association CIO

Registered Charity No. 1180249

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at 8.40 p.m. on Friday 25th October 2019 at Hewitts, South Street, Emsworth.

1. Present

Trustees:

Sharon Corbett, Simon Dwyer, Simon Eveleigh, Joanna Greenfield, James Hailstone, William Keeble, Gary Lamb, Nicholas Madinaveitia, Mark Phillips, Robert Turner.

Full Members:

Mr and Mrs Baldwin, Miss Blake, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr Burley, Mr and Mrs Cairns, Mr Dwyer, Mr and Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Hailstone, Mrs Harris, Mr Hollins, Mrs C.Jones, Mrs Madinaveitia, Mr and Mrs Montague, Miss Robertson, Miss E.Smith, Ms J.Smith, Mr Turley, Mr and Mrs Urry, Mr and Mrs Whalley.

Friends of the Association:

Mr and Mrs Armstrong, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Mrs Lonsdale, Mrs Mant, Dr Tilley, Miss P.Phillips, Mrs Twitchen, Mr and Mrs N.Yoward

24 out of a possible 63 voting households were represented at the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from 10 members

3. Introduction

As noted in the Agenda the Charity Commission accepted our proposed constitution on 9th October 2018 and registered the CIO as Charity No 1180249 on that date. The CIO is based on the aims and objectives of the original SMPPA – namely to continue looking after the pond for the benefit of the public at large.

Members of the original SMPPA on 9th October 2018 had been *de facto* members of the CIO since that date.

As formal approval of the CIO Constitution was technically not possible at the 2018 SMPPA AGM, the transfer of operations to the SMPPA CIO had been delayed until after approval at the 2019 SMPPA AGM.

The SMPPA was still active and would remain so until all activities had been transferred to the SMPPA CIO and a formal winding up meeting had been held.

4. Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees Annual Report, which was circulated with the Agenda, was required by the Charity Commission. The Report stated that the CIO had been dormant over the last year.

The motion to approve the Report (proposed by Rob Turner, seconded by John Brown) was carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Annual Statement of Accounts:

The Annual Statement, which was circulated with the Agenda, was required to be sent to the Charity Commission. It declared that for the CIO in its first year there had been no financial transactions and the CIO had no funds.

Bank Account:

As a separate legal entity, the CIO was required to have separate bank accounts from the original SMPPA. It was intended to open bank accounts with Barclays Bank with two persons required to authorise transactions, as required by the constitution.

Subscriptions:

From October 2020 subscriptions would have to be paid into the new accounts. The subscriptions had remained unchanged for fifteen years and this was now an opportunity to raise the rates by a small amount. Members would be kept informed of any changes.

A motion to accept the Report (proposed by Rob Turner, seconded by John Brown) was approved unanimously.

6. Appointment of Trustees

At the time of registration the trustees were Sharon Corbett, Simon Eveleigh, Joanna Greenfield, William Keeble, Gary Lamb, Nicholas Madinaveitia, Mark Phillips and Robert Turner. At this first AGM all the trustees were required to retire from office.

The following offered themselves for re-election Sharon Corbett, Simon Eveleigh, Joanna Greenfield, William Keeble, Gary Lamb, Nicholas Madinaveitia and Mark Phillips.

Simon Dwyer and James Hailstone offered themselves for election.

A motion to approve the election of all the above (proposed by Lesley Harris, seconded by Angela Brown) was carried unanimously.

7. Chairman's Statement: The Year Ahead

Introduction

As already noted the SMPPA CIO had been dormant since its inception and had been activated at this meeting. The activities of the SMPPA in the past year had been covered in the SMPPA AGM held earlier in the evening.

The CIO was now inheriting the SMPPA's programme for the future.

Environment

The Vegetation Sub-Committee group was preparing a phased approach to refresh the planting on the East Bank exploring a scheme aiming to use relevant native species for agreement by the full committee. Autumn work parties were scheduled to give the East bank its usual clean up, cutting back and preparation for planting suitable specimens.

Infrastructure

Routine inspections of the banks had been carried out and no unexpected problems had been encountered requiring Immediate action.

The Pond would be drained for next few days to flush out silt accumulating in the bottom of the main channel.

The sluice was leaking, decrepit and needed to be replaced. Five organisations had been invited to quote for the works on a like for like replacement. Eventually two had submitted offers and agreement was being sought to proceed using a local timber specialist. His offer was conditional on working in the Autumn of 2020 and in the interim sealing the sluice with a tarpaulin to reduce leakage especially during the Summer.

Flooding would be major topic at a meeting with the Environment Agency planned in November considering river flows and their impact on the pond and surroundings.

Social Affairs

The SMPPA Annual Dinner would be held on Friday 22 November 2019 in the Brookfield Hotel.

Photographic Competition

The 2020 Broomfield Photographic Competition would be held as usual in the Spring

A motion to approve the Chairman's Statement (proposed by Penny Montague, seconded by Simon Eveleigh) was passed unanimously.

7. Any other Business

Dolphin Creek Footpath

It was noted that the potential gifting of the land by the Wardle family was progressing with hopefully early completion.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm