

## **Bohemia Walled Garden Association Annual General Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Park Road Methodist Church, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6RA

### (1) Introductions

Mary Dawson (chair) opened the meeting and welcomed those present. She introduced those on the committee who were present.

### Present

Christine M'Baye, Mary Dawson, Darren Windley, Alexander Wilberforce, Chris Stovold, Susan Thomson, Lesley Bruce, Bob Hart, Russell Hall, Juliet Przyborsky, Martin Styring, Gerry Harris

### (2) Apologies

Mat Windley, Carolyn Eaves, Cllr Andrew Cartwright, Cllr Nigel Sinden, Linda Bell

### (3) Minutes 2015

Copies of the minutes were circulated and Mary asked if there were any comments.

### (4) Matters arising and adoption of minutes of the 2015 minutes

Point 7 had been clarified relating to the use of word 'deficit' and was now amended to be 'surplus'. 2015 AGM Minutes - Proposed Chris Stovold, Seconded Lesley Bruce.

### (5) Management report 2015 and adoption

Mary read the report for 2015 which included the application for charitable status by BWGA and Heritage Lottery funding. There was a lively discussion on the floor about the rebuilding of the wall around the funding options. Susan and Mary explained the history behind the current approach taken (i.e. to use Heritage Lottery Fund) which has taken some two years of hard work. Martin asked the question were we using Facebook. Darren said that we are on Facebook and would share details with Martin. Martin said that Facebook had been extremely useful to the Pocket Park. Management Report - Proposed Lesley Bruce, Seconded Chris Stovold.

### (6) Revised Business Plan 2016

Mary told the members that the Business Plan was updated and that copies were available to be read. The Business plan from 2010 now updated to March 2016 would be updated annually prior to the AGM.

### (7) Financial Report for 2014-2015 and adoption of independent examination of accounts

Christine provided a summary of the accounts for 2015 and that we ended the year with assets of £4,688.72 split between the savings account of £4,475.60 and current account of £213-12. The receipts and payment account from HVA had an item in red ink which was queried by the floor. Mary and Christine will take the query back to Pat at HVA and the accounts will not be signed off until this has been answered. An update will be issued to members at the AGM via E-Mail once the query is resolved.

### (8) Officers stand down

The current officers of the committee stood down. Darren temporary chaired the meeting asking for a nomination to be Chair. A nomination was received of Mary. Proposed by Chris Stovold and Seconded by Juliet Przyborsky. Mary accepted for another year, but made it clear that only for the coming year. A successor needed to be found for 2017.

### (9) Nomination and Election of officers

None received by Secretary.

### (10) Officers for 2016

Mary took over the chair of the meeting and the following were unanimously voted onto the committee:

Secretary – Susan Thomson, Proposed Mary Dawson, Seconded Lesley Bruce

Treasurer – Darren Windley, Proposed Susan Thomson, Seconded Lesley Bruce

(11)Nomination of election of committee members

Member and Plot Secretary – Chris Stovold, Proposed Russell Hall, Seconded Juliet Przyborsky  
Member – Russell Hall, Proposed Chris Stovold, Seconded Mary Dawson  
Member - Christine M'Baye, Proposed Susan Thomson, Seconded Chris Stovold

Health & Safety – Darren Windley  
Website/IT – Darren Windley

(12)Sub Group Members

Mary explained that there is a sub group for planning events that Chris S had been on. Alexander and Carolyn were no longer able to be committee members for personal reasons but would still be members of the sub group if they were able. The sub group members do not need to be elected at AGM.

(13)Report on plots by plot secretary

Chris Stovold gave a short report.

37 Plots are all let

Income collected for 2016 is £589.20

5 new members have joined in 2016

1 person is on the waiting list

He is supplying a welcome pack to new members to encourage them to grow items that includes a black current bush.

Chris has also made available some 40 packets of seeds in date for redistribution to plot holders. The seeds are in a bag in the wooden shed.

(14)Any Other Business

None

The meeting concluded at 11.10am and refreshments followed.