

Moor Pool Residents Association AGM 2016

29th January 2017 Moor Pool Hall 3pm

1. Welcome Introduction and Apologies

The Chair of the MRA Sal Bourner welcomed all those attending and invited the Lord Mayor Cllr Carl Rice to address the meeting. The Mayor who is a local resident congratulated the MRA on its contribution to local affairs and pledged in the future to provide assistance once his official duties have concluded. The following apologies were received from Jill Howes, Kate Nancarrow, Catherine Hobbs, Betty Wright, and Norma Mason.

2. A Moment of Remembrance

The Chair asked the attendees to stand for a moments respect for residents who had passed away during the last year. The passing of Elaine Wheeler was also announced.

3. The Future of the MRA

The Chair raised questions on the MRA and how it should go forward. The Chair stated that the MRA is focussed on 'people' and needs more people to come forward. The commitment is about 2 hours every 2 months. The MRA will also try to approach residents who it thinks might be able to help. The Committee had considered 3 possible options. 1. Dissolve the MRA if there was insufficient interest or help to take it forward. 2. Mothball the MRA until a future point when there was sufficient resource to carry on the programme of work. 3. Continue with a smaller Committee. The Chair asked for comments on the options. Jan Sutton said the MRA is an established body and it can take time for people to appreciate the work it does particularly promoting the history. Jules Bellingham said that as an MPHT Trustee she wants the MRA to continue to represent the interests of residents and hold the various bodies to account. The question what can the MRA do for you perhaps needs to be promoted more vociferously. The Chair asked for a show of hands for the three options. Options 1 and 2 received no support. Option 3 was supported by all.

Barbara Ikin pointed out these problems were not unique to Moor Pool. Geoff Salminen noted younger events were sometimes well supported. The Chair noted that a more proactive approach to different age groups was perhaps required. Andrew Hackett stated more people were coming to the coffee mornings but a child friendly environment was important. Sal said that the Committee would look at a more focussed set of activities.

4. Election of Chair

Sal Bourner was proposed by Barbara Ikin as the Chair of the MRA and the nomination received the approval of all present.

5. Minutes AGM 2015

Unfortunately the minutes of the previous meeting in 2015 were not available. An effort would be made to have these available for the next meeting.

6. Matters Arising

None

7. Chairs Report

The coffee morning continued to be popular and would definitely be kept. The Chair thanked Andrew Hackett for editing the Duck and the delivery team. More volunteers would be welcome. There had been a tea dance, Queens Birthday picnic, the Moor Pool Festival and Carol Walk. Other groups were also holding events so there was a lot happening on the Estate. The MRA had listened on issues like parking and had run out of the 'polite notices'. The issue had improved but there were still problems. Planning had been actively monitored by Rob Sutton. The Chair and Simon Stirling the Chair of MPHT were to meet Councillors regarding planning to establish better contacts and consistency particularly with regard to Amey and management of trees and issues with verges. Stronger relationships would be built with MPHT. The Committee had agreed to donate £1000

towards the community garden and a similar amount towards the kitchen refurbishment. The Chair asked if there were any questions. None were received.

8. Treasurers Report

Mike Foster is willing to continue as Treasurer. A statement of accounts was presented. There was a balance of £5,121. Subscriptions were down as well as takings from the Festival. Printing costs had also increased. The Duck had expanded in size but this was covered by subscriptions and advertising. The Duck was also available online from the website. Overall the MRA remained in a healthy financial state. Maureen Mauser had agreed to take on membership and promote it. Barbara Ikin asked when were subscriptions due. The response was when your standing order is due or at the AGM but this would be clarified.

9. Questions from the Floor

The Chair asked if there were any questions. Barbara Ikin reiterated the thanks of members for the work of the Committee. Geoff Salminen asked what proposals there were for the verges which were very damaged in places. The Chair responded that this was not a new issue and often was caused by builders and delivery vans. There had been an issue in Moor Pool Avenue after building work and the owner had agreed to ensure the verge was reinstated. Photographic evidence was key if action was to be taken by the Council. Rob Sutton suggested that a planning condition on any development could be included requiring verges to be protected and reinstated after any work was completed before the work was signed off. A resident pointed out there were still some of the old 'keep off the verge' signs around. Oversize lorries entering the Estate caused problems but controlling access could be a problem and would require a traffic order. Rob Sutton believed there was some reason BCC did not want to go down this route and would review. Jules Bellingham suggested local Estate Agents could be contacted to ensure purchasers were aware of the restrictions which applied to the Estate. Jim Tucker suggested yellow lines on the corner at the junction by Eastway. Vivienne Winkley commented it could be difficult to cross Ravenhurst Road. There was a comment on trees that some had been poorly treated. Geoff Salminen said that in the past the trees had been well looked after and pollarded sensibly. The Chairs of MRA and MPHT will discuss this as the Trust will be responsible for many trees on its land in the future. Igor Cusack stated there seems to be a policy to get rid of the big trees which had a great value for the Estate. Hedge maintenance was discussed. Geoff Salminen raised the issue of erratic pot hole filling. Planning issues were a concern. Rob Sutton said it was essential residents took a lead on this and kept the MRA informed of what was going on. Geoff Salminen pointed out that the original cobbled road gutters were an important feature and that they should not be lost when roads were resurfaced. Jan Scott stated that when issues were raised with the Council there was a duty to provide a response.

10. Election of MRA Committee Members

All those standing for Committee were read out by the Chair.

These were Sal Bourner (Chair), Sarah Copley (Vice Chair), Mike Foster, (Co-opted), Mike Frost, Jill Howes, Jayne Millicheap, Maureen Mauser, Jan Scott. An additional 6 general committee places are open. The Chair proposed the above for election to the Committee and by a show of hands all were duly elected. Mike Foster was again co-opted to the Committee.

The Chair thanked Rob Sutton who was standing down from the Committee for his contribution and also Norma Mason who had been a great committee member supporting many events over many years. The Chair also thanked Sarah Copley who had been very supportive in her role as Vice Chair.

11. AOB

The Chair reminded members of forthcoming events and thanked everyone for attending.

Rob Sutton proposed a vote of thanks for the Chair and Committees work over the last year.

The meeting closed at 4.16pm