

MOOR POOL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27TH JANUARY 2020

MINUTES

Present: Sal Bourner (Chair); John Healey (Secretary); Mike Foster (Treasurer) and 25 Members.

A minutes silence was held in memory of those who had passed away in 2019.

1. **Apologies** were received from Sarah Hanson. Steve Wright and Geoff Salminen.
2. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 27th January 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.
The only matter arising from the Minutes was the future of the former rose bed at the top of Carless Avenue. It had been planted with spring flowering bulbs and discussions with BCC were continuing about further development.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Mike Foster stated that finances were in a healthy position and that current balances were: current account 943.07; savings account 1290.01; cash in hand 140.18. Mike was thanked for his report and for his work throughout the year.
4. **Review of 2019 and challenges for 2020.** Sal referred to the core activities against which the Committee was able to judge the success of its work. These were
 - a) **Contributing to work that ensured that The Duck was published on six occasions,** including a special Centenary edition that had contained memories and reflections from young and old alike. Andrew Hackett was warmly thanked for his brilliant work as Editor.
 - b) **Maintaining the regular and very popular coffee mornings throughout the year.** Thanks were due to those who ensured that there was a regular supply of hot drinks and cakes.
 - c) **Contributing to the annual Moor Pool Festival** which in 2019 had been widely judged as highly successful and in line with the 2014 event.
 - d) **Organising the annual carol event in the Moor Pool Hall** which in 2019 had attracted a very large number of people who enjoyed a performance from the Year 2 Choir of Harborne Primary School and the pleasure of extended their own lungs.
 - e) **Relationships with Moor Pool Heritage Trust.** Simon Stirling and the trustees were thanked for their support. Particular thanks were due to Jill who as a Trustee was able to provide a valuable link between the two organisations. Jill reported that the Moor Pool Halls were breaking even and were not dependent upon subsidy from other income streams. She also reported that it was unlikely that work on the provision of new toilets would commence before the summer of 2021.
 - f) **Relationships with residents on local issues of concern relating to planning and crime.** It was reported that wherever possible and therefore within certain constraints, M.R.A. had been able to assist and advise residents
 - g) **Subscribers.** It was hoped to continue increasing the number of householders paying the MRA subscription of £5
 - h) **Involvement with families and children.** Sal reported on the highly successful Easter Egg Hunt which attracted over one hundred families to the Nettlefold Garden. Thanks were extended to those who had dressed for the occasion including the surprise visit by a Holstein Friesian cow. It was intended to repeat the event in 2020.
Donations had been given to Santa's Grotto which again had been highly successful.

Challenges. Sal said that the priority was to retain the level of stability that had been achieved and to strive to continue with the work associated with the eight key areas that she had set out.

5. **Questions from the floor.** It was asked whether Cadbury's could assist in the supply of Easter eggs and it was stated that the Company was no longer to help

6 Proposed amendment to the Constitution and election of Officers and Committee

It was agreed that:

- a) Members of the Committee in post and who wished to do so, would offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting in January 2020 for a period of one year. Thereafter, continued election would be determined by the same process annually.
- b) Following Sal Bourner's confirmation of her resignation as Chair, John Healey be elected to that post;
- c) Jenny Buchan, Jill Howes, Carl Parkes, Norma Mason, Sarah Hanson and Maureen Mauser be elected to serve as Committee members and that Mike Foster be elected to serve as Treasurer on a co-opted basis.
- d) That when considering further changes to the Constitution, reference to 'The old Harborne Tenants Estate' be deleted.

Sal was thanked for her outstanding contribution to M.R.A. and was presented with a canvas photograph of the Moor Pool. In turn, she thanked members of the Committee for their work including Mike Frost, who was standing down after many years of loyal service.

John, now in the chair thanked everyone for their attendance and announced that the date of the 2021 A.G.M. would be 30th January to be held again in the Lower Hall from 1200.