

Picket Piece Residents Association

Minutes of AGM online – 10th February 2021

Have sent a copy of the slides presented during the meeting. Most slides are self explanatory, have added a few notes to expand on some parts

The residents association was started as a result of a meeting at the village hall on Wednesday 12th February 2020, over 40 residents attended. The outcome was the formation of the residents association from people who put themselves forward after the meeting.

Village website: set up for the village, contains information on planning applications, newsletters from the past, kids club contains colouring pages and activity pages for kids during lockdown. It also has a link to the bus timetable, and the bin collection dates (bin changes colour depending on the week)

Covid support: The residents arranged support for those in the village with need, leaflet drops were done by volunteers. Service was used, and offers have still stood through the lockdowns.

The lockdown quiz was a big hit in the first lockdown, it was started again at the request of residents. Big thanks to James for being the host with all the facts, and to Chris G for allowing the use of his WebEx Room.

Picket Piece football club was formed in July 2020. A Men's team was set up and entered the Andover & District Sunday League, reaching 3rd in division 3 at this time. The football club hope to be able to set up Ladies and Youth teams in future, there is some interest already, however sadly not enough to commit to a regular game. There will be an advert in the forthcoming Picket Piece Newsletter for this.

The Public Art Project – As part of the Section 106 agreement for the new developments, funds have been allocated for a local public art project. A panel was created of TVBC personnel, members of PPRA and members of the public, who reviewed and scored artist applications to create a shortlist, who were invited to an online interview. Again the interviews were assessed and scored, before debating who should be selected, the unanimous choice was Svetlana Kondakova, who not only demonstrated excellent experience with 'community engagement events' to bring the public's ideas to life, but she also had excellent ideas for online community engagement too.

Dog Mess – Following numerous complaints on the Facebook group, we purchased signs, encouraging people to clean up after their dogs, to be located at the entrance to Ox Drove Meadow. Additionally, we are currently talking to Rod Mason about suitable poop bag dispensers to encourage people to pick up their pets poop.

Committee for 2021/22

Chairperson – Chris Parker has offered to stay on. Chris Grant seconded this.

Vice Chairperson – currently position open

Secretary – Pippa Hulme offered to stay on – Chris Parker seconded this.

Treasurer – Keith has stepped down, and we thank him for his work over the last year – this position is open

Committee – Tom Stevenson offered to remain on the committee. Pippa Hulme seconded this.

Committee – Keith Rackham. Chris Parker seconded this.

Committee – Judy Marr. Chris Parker seconded this.

Committee – John Aslett. Chris Grant seconded this.

There has been a couple of other people express interest in joining the committee, they just need to be confirmed.

Questions ect for committee:

John Aslett informed the us he was involved in the original speedwatch group, and would be interested to get involved if this was brought back. However, signs will only do so much, a change in the law is more likely to lead to a reduction in speeding in the village. We should be lobbying groups to try to make this happen. Patrick Kirwin also expressed an interest in joining the speedwatch group.

Patrick Kirwan also enquired about the possible creation of a running club in the village, himself and Margaret Hughes are members of the 'Hash House Harriers' running club, which is a social running club in the Andover area. PPRA said that we could definitely look into this, although had experience of the 'Hash House Harriers' runs, both parties said that they would arrange a separate meeting about this in future. PPRA are happy to assist Patrick and Margaret in the creation of a running club in this style.

Cllr Chris Donnelly mentioned Ward policing could be used within the safer neighbourhood of speed watch. Currently there is no ward policing but the Police Commissioner elections are coming up and it is an ideal time to touch base with the candidates.

Andrea Harris used to run pre-covid Drop in sessions at the village hall, Cllr Nick Lodge and Mandie Taylor are still happy to support these. Likely get these started again post covid.