

# *The* Hampton Society

The Residents' Association of Hampton, est. 1956

The AGM of the Hampton Society was held at 8.00 pm on Thursday, 6 April 2017  
in the Coward Room of Hampton Hill Theatre, 86-90 High Street, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NY  
with approx. 50 members in attendance

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome

The Deputy Chair, Alice Fordham, welcomed members to the AGM and explained that she was chairing the meeting as William Redfern, the Chair, was unable to be present.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Beck, William Redfern, Margaret Halnan, Iacopo Sassi Margaret and Robert Mortimer, Sandra Merritt, Irene Caley, Penny Dunwell, Michael and Diana Pearce, Tim Lester, Robin and Mary Field-Smith, Michael Smith, Stella Grace, Sheila Farndon, Ian Lake, John and Rosemary Shankster, Andrew Millis, Teresa and Chris Perks, David Green, Kevin Rice, Cllr. Gareth Roberts, Simon Douglas Lane and Richard Cliff.

### 3. The Minutes of the AGM held on 14 April 2016

There were no matters arising and Suzette Nicholson proposed and Martin Seymour seconded that the Minutes should be accepted.

### 4. Presentation and approval of the accounts for the period ending 28 February 2016

- a. The Treasurer, Brian Brignall, presented the Accounts and made the point that the accounts should be presented to the AGM for the period to the end of February, not the end of March.
- b. There were now 576 paid-up households on our membership list, an increase of 99 on last year and 63% of paid up members now do so by standing order which lessened the voluntary work of committee members.
- c. There had been a reduction in the Christmas card surplus because 100 fewer packs had been sold this year. Bar takings have increased. Printing costs were down this year because the Spring Newsletter was printed in March, until now, the old financial year. but hall hires were costing more. The Quiz Night surplus was £442. There was an overall surplus of £540.08.
- d. Zeena Clarke proposed and Lewis Lloyd seconded the acceptance of the Accounts.
- e. Anselm Frost was happy to continue as Independent Examiner of the Accounts. Linda Brignall proposed and Robert Leadbetter seconded his appointment.

## **5. The Chair's Report**

Alice Fordham read the Chair's report in which he thanked the members of the committee for their contributions during the year – Brian Brignall, the Treasurer, Rosemary Hill, Secretary and arranger with Alice Fordham of events, Maura Waters, Editor of the Newsletter, Trisha Shirt, Membership Secretary and organiser of the newsletter deliveries, Christine Paganelli who helped out at events and talks and Sylvia Bridge Le Cluse and Iacopo Sassi who with the assistance of Kevin Rice assessed and advised on action on planning applications with the aim of achieving the best outcome for the local environment and the residents. Sue Ramus was thanked for taking on the refreshments bar at Society events.

The Chair's report referred to the possibility of a large housing development over the borough boundary at Kempton Park. No formal planning application had yet been received but the Society was in regular contact with other local action groups and the developer's PR company. The Society would report back to members either through the newsletter or by email when there was any further news.

One of the main areas of activity in which William Redfern had been working was community networking. This involved discovering the activities of other residents' associations and how they responded to the Village Plan process. Locally, William had been working with Janet Fisher, a local trader and trustee of Linden Hall to help develop the Hampton Community Newsletter and contact database.

## **6. Election of Officers**

- a. Alice Fordham explained that she was stepping down from the position of Deputy Chair but would still help with organising Society events. Iacopo Sassi had put his name forward to stand as Deputy Chair in Alice's place.
- b. The Officers which were up for election this year were the Deputy Chair for which position, Iacopo Sassi was standing, the Secretary, Rosemary Hill and the election of up to six committee members – Alice Fordham, Sylvia Bridge Le Cluse, Christine Paganelli, Trisha Shirt and Maura Waters. The Proposer for the Officer and Committee appointments was Kevin Rice and the Seconder was Derek May. All the appointments were agreed.

## **7. Any other business**

- a. Lionel Beer and Veronica Barnes both asked about Kempton Park. The Deputy Chair replied that no further information was yet available as no planning application had been made.
- b. Veronica Barnes asked about Duke's Head Passage and the decision not to allow cyclists to ride down the lane. She was told that it was a decision that the Royal Parks had made.
- c. Veronica Barnes also wanted to know how many parking spaces had been lost in Hampton Hill High Street as a result of the new paving. Hampton Hill High Street was not part of the Hampton Society's terrain even though meetings were regularly held at Hampton Hill Theatre and it was not possible to answer her question.

- d. Alice Fordham said that it would be useful in future if members were to advise the committee prior to the AGM if they had any questions so that any research required to answer them could be dealt with.

**8. Bill Reed, Community Liaison Officer for Hampton.**

- a. Bill Reed updated members on the Village Plan for Hampton. He said that the original community meeting in Hampton had been the bedrock for other community meetings in the Borough and that the Hampton Society had been exemplary in leading this initiative forwards. Hampton's meeting had identified:
  - b. The difference between Hampton village and Hampton North
  - c. A feeling of isolation – people who felt they had nowhere to go
  - d. A recognition that Hampton was a marvellous place in which to live and that there was lots going on but people did not know what they were.
  - e. There was now a Village Plan which set out a host of things which the people of Hampton said that they would like to happen. A supplementary planning document set out how planning applications would now be handled. It was adopted and was now in use. A levy on future building developments would provide some money to assist the projects which the Council was promoting.

**A short interval then took place during which individual questions from members were put to Bill Reed.**

**9. A talk by Frances Hughes on Zoffany and his Hampton connections was then given.**

The speaker was introduced by Rosemary Hill and was thanked by Bill Weisblatt at the end of her interesting talk.

Trisha Shirt, thanking Alice Fordham (the outgoing Deputy Chair) for her contribution since 2002/03 as a committee member (which she will continue to be) and a period as Deputy Chair since 2005/06 until now, and was presented her with a bouquet of flowers.