

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EATON VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD AT EATON GOLF CLUB, ON 17th OCTOBER 2018

The Chairman Chris Stebbing welcomed everyone to the meeting including City Councillors Caroline Ackroyd and James Wright, County Councillor Brian Watkins, and Stephen Maunder from Norfolk Trading Standards.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Liz Bibby, Vic and Helen Flute, Vic Hope, Judith Lubbock and Patricia Seadon.

2. MINUTES OF THE EVRA AGM HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2017

Minutes of 2017 AGM were circulated and Gwen Frazer proposed, seconded by Bernard Godding, that these should be accepted as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Chris Stebbing pointed out that the Car Club vehicle is now in use on Greenways.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chris Stebbing

Chairman Chris Stebbing's report was circulated and dealt with the following issues:

Local Issues

- **The Roadworks** dominated the work of the EVRA committee for much of the year. Although the works were finished by 29th August some issues remain and Councillors and TfN will continue to monitor these.
- A consultation on the proposed **Eaton 20mph Zone** was initiated in August 2018 and residents were quickly informed and kept up to date by EVRA and the local councillors. EVRA supported the implementation of the 20mph zone in Eaton but not the other traffic calming measures. Council officers eventually approved the implementation of the 20mph zone without the physical traffic calming measures.

Projects

- Fundraising continues for the **Playground** which is now well used by Eaton residents and their families. The next target will be the purchase of an integrated roundabout at cost of £7,000. The playground sub-committee, led by Sharon Atkinson, Carol Plunkett and Vic Flute, are very active in exploring new sources of funding.
- The varied work to maintain the verges and improve **Donkey Lane** continues most Wednesdays with Rosemary Benton and her team. New volunteers are always welcome.

Events

- Rosemary organises the **Spring and Summer Garden Competitions** and more people have been encouraged to participate.
- The ninth year of the **Scarecrow Festival and Competition** had as its theme 'Famous Teddies' and attracted 28 entries. There were also 18 garage sales, cake sales and other events. Local businesses were thanked for their continued support.

Other Matters

- **General Data Protection Regulations** came into force in May 2018. EVRA records minimal information about residents but nevertheless has to comply with regulations.
- EVRA submitted comments to the Consultation on **Ward Boundaries** and the final report does not recommend any change for the Eaton Ward.
- EVRA contributed to the **Greater Norwich Local Plan** consultation and there were no proposals affecting Eaton Village.
- **Barclays Bank** in Eaton will close but banking transactions can still be carried out at the Post Office.

- Residents are kept well informed about all local issues by the **Newsletters** and the very active **Website**. Chris thanked Helen Flute and her team of distributors.

Chris thanked the Committee for their support, in particular Vic Flute. Sarah Cross was thanked for her hard work as Treasurer for the past 5 years. Chris thanked Ken Land, who is retiring, for his fastidious auditing of the accounts for nearly 30 years. He also thanked the City Councillors Caroline Ackroyd, Judith Lubbock and James Wright and County Councillor Brian Watkins for their continued support. In return Sarah thanked Chris for his tireless work on the roadworks this year.

5. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Vic Flute

Copies of Vic's report were circulated and read by Chris Stebbing in Vic's absence.

- Vic thanked everyone who helped with the **Fun Day** especially Victoria MacDonald and Carol Plunkett.
- **CAMEO** is now established, with meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except July and December. Bernard Godding is the convener of meetings.
- Vic thanked the City and County Councillors for their support.
- The **20mph limit** will be reviewed in a year and Vic explained that there is evidence that intervention by speed watch teams is effective in reducing average traffic speeds. A minimum of 12 volunteers would be required for this and interested residents were asked to contact him.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Sarah Cross

Copies of the accounts were circulated and Sarah highlighted that 526 households had contributed subscriptions which amounted to £1,271.20. She noted that Ken Land had audited the accounts for many years but would no longer be able to do so. She proposed that a letter be sent to him with EVRA's thanks. Carol Plunkett proposed that the accounts should be signed as correct and this was seconded by Gerald Cook.

7. REPORT ON THE WORK OF OUR COUNCILLORS IN THE VILLAGE

- **County Councillor Brian Watkins** spoke about the proposed 20mph zone explaining that it would be in place for a trial period of 12 months after which it would be measured and looked at again. He also asked residents to inform him of any on-going transport issues.
- The mobile library service across Norfolk would be retained but it would come four weekly in future.
- Councillor Watkins has £6,000 to spend in the community on items related to highways and he would welcome suggestion on how some of it might be spent.
- **City Councillor Caroline Ackroyd** spoke about management meetings for the transport scheme.
- Brentwood and Turnberry roads had been adopted.
- The first defibrillator battery needed replacing and she presented a bill for £235 for a new one.
- Caroline thanked EVRA for all their work and for letting her join their meetings. She thanked Sarah Cross for her work as Treasurer and presented her with a gift from the councillors.
- **City Councillor James Wright** added that there would be a review of polling stations in the coming year. This would look at the location and number of polling stations across the City.

8. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE 2018-2019

Chairman	Chris Stebbing, proposed by Sarah Cross, seconded by Kath Westwell
Vice-Chairman	Vic Flute, proposed by Carol Plunkett, seconded by Naomi Godding
Secretary	Patricia Seadon, proposed by Margaret Bamford, seconded by Liz Pierce
Treasurer	Carol Plunkett, proposed by Sharon Atkinson, seconded by Sarah Cross

Committee

Sharon Atkinson, Rosemary Benton, Naomi Godding Bernard Godding, and Kath Westwell, proposed by Sarah Cross, seconded by Thelma Cook
Barry Skipper, proposed by Rosemary Benton, seconded by Gwen Frazer

9. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER FOR THE ACCOUNTS

Jenny Holcombe proposed that it be left to the new EVRA committee to appoint a scrutineer.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jenny Holcombe was concerned about the state of Howarth Way and the rubbish accumulating there. Caroline Ackroyd assured her that the owner had been contacted and the work should soon be in hand.

Chris closed the first part of the meeting and there was a short break for refreshments and a raffle, the proceeds of which would go towards a cordless strimmer for the EVRA Friends of Donkey Lane.

(Short Interval)

BE SCAM AWARE – Stephen Maunder, Norfolk Trading Standards

Mr Maunder gave a very illuminating talk on avoiding Scams and cold calling. Stephen highlighted that Scams can be initiated through cold calling at your door, postal, telephone and email and that it is important to be alert to all of these. Scams can be reported to Norfolk Trading Standards who regularly publish a list of the latest Scams and residents can sign up to receiving alerts about these. A series of leaflets about Scams were available for attendees to take away.

At the end of his presentation Stephen was thanked by Chris Stebbing and the meeting then closed.

Signed Chair Date