

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2016 AT 10.30 AM

Present: Paul Lawrence in the chair and the 25 whose names appear on the attached list.

Apologies for absence were received from the 19 whose names are on the attached list.

Paul explained that the meeting was in fact quorate, as we had obtained proxy votes for the two motions to be put to the AGM from those who had apologised.

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said he felt privileged to have been asked to take over from Peter Randall, and was delighted to be able to report that the shop was going from strength to strength. He thought the main reasons for this were that it was in the right place, we sold the goods that people wanted, and one always had a smile from the volunteers.

Paul then presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. A proposal to pay a 2% dividend again this year was made by Angela Haddrell, seconded by Maurice Ball and carried nem con.

A proposal not to appoint auditors was made by David Thomas, seconded by Pami Davis and carried nem con.

Paul said it was invidious to pick out people to thank, as everyone contributed so much to the running of the shop, but he did make a special mention of Peter Randall, Cathy White and Janet Wood. As there are some vacancies on the committee, Carol Telling had been approached and had agreed to serve. She was proposed by Pami Davis, seconded by Cathy White and elected nem con.

Any Other Business: Maggie Turnbull asked about the shop rent going down, and was this just a one off. It was explained that it would only happen once, as the initial rent had included the goodwill and the reduction had been agreed at the outset.

Pauline Thomas asked how we went about finding more volunteers. Christine Kennedy said she put adverts in the Village News each time, and had made posters. It was agreed it would be a good idea for those present who belonged to other village organizations to appeal to them for more volunteers to come forward. We have always managed to stay open, thanks to our faithful 50 or so volunteers.

Maurice Bullen asked how were we making sure that our future was certain, as we had got half way through the period of the lease. Paul explained that we were in negotiation with the Gayttens in the hope of extending the lease to maybe 15 years. We could apply for a grant for this.

Pami Davis wished to put on record what a marvellous job the Post Office girls did. They were a good team and helped excellently with the ordering.

Pauline Thomas added that the shop was a social asset to the village.

Robin Bradshaw asked for special thanks to be recorded to Carol Smith, our book-keeper, and there was acclamation for all her hard work.

Cathy White proposed a vote of thanks to Paul for all his hard work, and this was carried with acclamation. There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.10 am with thanks from Paul once again to everyone present and to everyone who helped make the shop such a success.