

ULEY COMMUNITY STORES

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD IN ULEY VILLAGE HALL AT 10.30am ON SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 2019.

PRESENT: Committee: Paul Lawrence (Chairman), David Thomas, Pami Davis, David Lungley, Julia Wathen and Joanna Hordern Curzon.

Shareholders: See attached list

APOLOGIES: Committee: Angela Haddrell, Eileen Tong

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The meeting began with an informal chat with coffee, tea and biscuits kindly provided by the Uley Society.

It was established that there was a Quorum of shareholders, and Paul Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then made a presentation of the state of shop at the moment, which is extremely positive. It has now been running for seven years, and looks welcoming and in good heart. It really is the centre of the Community, largely because it is run entirely by volunteers which means it is firmly lodged in the hearts and minds of the people who use it and particularly those who live in the village. There are other people, apart from the volunteers, who are touched by the shop's outreach activities, eg the Uley Community Spirit awards. He spoke of the plateau in income both of the shop and the Post Office, but both are at a sustainable level, the shop being in very good financial shape. He proposed a resolution that we should not appoint Auditors for the current accounting year and this was carried by the Meeting. He took the opportunity to thank the Treasurer (David Thomas) and Bookkeeper (Julia Wathen) for their hard work.

There will be a link to the Presentation on the website in due course.

He said that the Uley Community Spirit funds distribution had now been running for four years, and had been positively received. There was a question from the meeting as to whether it would run again in 2020 and Paul Lawrence answered that this would be being discussed probably at the November committee meeting.

He thanked the Committee members (all volunteers) for their work over the past year, and mentioned Maurice Ball who is stepping down. He asked for anyone who would be interested in being on the Committee to get in touch.

He pointed out that the lease on the shop ends in June 2022 and that the people in the village need to think about how they want to go forward with the shop, and what they are prepared to do for it. A number of questions were asked and points raised, concerning both the shop and the post office, but it was felt that these sorts of discussions and ideas

should be explored fully in a well-publicised meeting to be held in the Spring, when all the village would be asked to contribute their thoughts and more information would be available about the different possible ways forward.

Pami Davis and her Rota team were particularly thanked by David Riley, through Paul Lawrence, for making sure that the shop never had to close for lack of staffing, Pami said that this was becoming increasingly difficult to achieve due to changes in lifestyles and the increasing average age of the volunteers.

The committee was thanked from the floor.

The meeting ended at 11.25am.