



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Whippingham Community Association was chaired by Mrs Audrey Thorne.

Apologies of absence were received from:

Mr Fred Blackman  
Mrs Grace Davison

Those present were Mrs Audrey Thorne; Mr Ray Thorne; Mrs Genny Taylor; Mr Brian Taylor; Mr Tony Saunders; Mrs Chrissie Saunders; Mr John Wildeman

Members of the public attending: B Sargeant; Mr & Mrs P Dillingham; Rev V Hards; S Richmond; Madi & John Chessell; James Darling; June Darling; Maragret Kirkman; Dee & Peter Clark; Fred Richards; Richard Haynes; Kay Mottram; Jackie Raven.

Apologies were received from: Jan Smith;

After the meeting apologies were also received from: Spencer Darlaston-Jones; Mrs S McDermott; Richard Hards; Cllr E Giles.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2008 were read, approved and signed.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mrs Audrey Thorne thanked all Committee members for their help and support throughout the year.

Lettings: A big thank you to Madi Chessell for all her hard work as lettings officer, and it was agreed by the Committee that a new set of charges would be made also a cancellation charge would be introduced. Bookings on the whole have kept level.

Heritage Trail: Mr B Taylor and Mrs Chrissie Saunders have worked hard on the books that have now been printed and will soon be delivered to everyone in the village.

Clean Up: Mr Tony Saunders organised a successful cleanup at the Folly with the help of 14 volunteers and the rubbish collected filled 50 bags.

Carol Concert: This was held in December and was very enjoyable and this year has already been booked.

Treasurer: Mr Maurice Wildeman was to be thanked for his efficient accounting during the year.

Secretary: A vote of thanks to Mrs Grace Davison whose work was greatly appreciated during the year. She has written to the Committee asking to step down as Secretary but expressing her willingness to continue until a replacement can be found – hopefully in the near future.

Hall: Particular thanks to Mr R Thorne for keeping a watchful eye on the Hall and all the odd maintenance jobs that he does.

Lastly thanks should be paid to Mr Fred Blackman for all his work in providing floral tubs at the Hall and pruning the trees as needed. Mr Blackman has informed the Association that, after many years of service, he wishes to resign from the Committee.

There were no questions on the Chairpersons report and it was duly approved by the meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was given by Mr Brian Taylor. He expressed thanks for all the hard work done by Mr Maurice Wildeman in previous years. He recalled that it had become apparent that Mr Wildeman could no longer continue in the role of Treasurer due to his health around April and in consequence Mrs Thorne our Chair had taken on the task of managing the finances of the Association.

In June Mr Taylor had, after some reservations, offered to act as Treasurer in a temporary capacity. He had been concerned that he did not have the necessary skills of Treasurer and that there might have been a conflict of interest as he would be responsible for significant expenditure on the Heritage Trail Project. These concerns were addressed by Mrs Thorne doing the day to day management of the income and expenditure and Mr Taylor took responsibility for the IT management and preparation of spreadsheets.

Mr Taylor then apologised to the Meeting for not being able to issue End of Year accounts. Very shortly before the Meeting, while collating the pages of the accounts, it had become apparent that an error in the figures had arisen. He then asked the Meeting for direction on how to manage this situation.

After some discussion it was agreed to wait until the October meeting of the Association to present the Accounts in order to allow time for investigation. This would still allow time for the Accounts to be delivered to the Charity Commissioners before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

It was asked if the Accounts could be made public when completed. This was agreed to and those present will receive a copy in due course.

Mr Taylor asked if a new Treasurer should be elected, that they be given the opportunity to assist in the investigation as well. This was also agreed.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mrs Audrey Thorne Proposed by Mrs Madi Chessell Seconded by Mrs Genny Taylor
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs Grace Davison Proposed by Mrs Genny Taylor Seconded by Mrs Chrissie Saunders
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs Jackie Raven Proposed by Mr Tony Saunders Seconded by Rev V Hards
<u>Election of Committee:</u>	Re-elected with the addition of new members Mr Tony Saunders

Mrs Chrissie Saunders  
Mrs Genny Taylor  
Mr Brian Taylor  
Mr Ray Thorne  
Mr John Wildeman  
Mrs Madi Chessell  
Mrs Kay Mottram

TRUSTEES: With the illness of Mr Marice Wildeman and the resignation of Mr Fred Blackman it will be necessary to review and appoint replacements to the list of Trustees.

LETTING OFFICER: Mr Madi Chessell is willing to continue

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Much of the time was taken up with a discussion of ways to provide opportunities for greater community involvement in the Hall in addition to the Hall being simply a "Hire Venue". A list of suggestions included, keep fit; film shows; a choir; older voices circle; something for young people; line dancing; internet access; family history; a lecture evening similar to WEA events; a themed evening to link with films perhaps. There was a suggestion that a Social Committee be set up to organise activities and they would then report to the Executive Committee on a monthly basis.

It was suggested that a "Suggestions Box" could be provided to collect ideas. Mrs Madi Chessell agreed to have one at the Post Office.

Fred Richards for the Parish Council said they would be investigating the possibility of a broadband connection at the Hall in time for their next full meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October. A phone line already appears to run to the building. He also suggested we talk with Barry Holland at the Heights about youth activity and involvement.

Mr John Wildeman asked if the new proposed meetings would be just Committee Meetings or Open Meetings for all. This also generated considerable discussion and several different views were expressed about how they might be organised. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting of the Association in October.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Executive Committee: 6.30pm – 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Open Meeting: 7.00pm – 8<sup>th</sup> October

Signed by:

Mrs Audrey Thorne, Chairperson WCA

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