

BEDFIELD AND MONK SOHAM COMMUNITY CLUB

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at the Community HUB, Bedfield and commenced at 1930

01 - 02/23 Present

Graham Mobbs (Chairman - GM), Geoff Robinson (Retiring Secretary – GR), Andrew Manning (Treasurer – AnM), Alison Manning (Play Area & Facilities Manager - AM), and Lisa Crane (LC – New Secretary and Vice-Chair).

Two village members.

02 - 02/23 Apologies

Keith Frost (KF) and Nigel Billington.

One village member.

03 - 02/23 Welcome

GM opened the meeting and welcomed those present, thanking them for attending. Salient points of his opening address included:

- It had been overall a successful year with the popular pop-up café and shop continuing with the post office on Tuesdays. Increased use by village groups had also been encouraging.
- It was great to have a football team again using the HUB and thanks were due to everyone who had worked to make it happen.
- The position of Tennis Club was still causing concern and that steps must be taken as soon as possible to take it under full Community Club control. The condition of the court and its potential refurbishment must also be considered.
- The forthcoming coronation of King Charles III would also be celebrated at HUB in partnership with the Friends of Bedfield Heritage.
- The potential refurbishment of the pavilion was underway in that it would be assessed through CAS under the Pro-Help scheme by an architect. Several options would then be produced and villagers would then be asked to comment on the options.

04 - 02/23. Election of Committee

- KF had previously stated that he did not wish to remain as a Management Committee Member having served for many years and that it was time to retire. GR stated he did not wish to continue for the same reason. AnM stated that both KF and GR had been very active on behalf of the Club for many years and wished the thanks of everybody to be recorded in the minutes.
- GM, LC and AnM were unanimously elected as Chair, Vice-Chair (& Secretary) and Treasurer respectively. This was to be supplemented on the committee by AM (as Facilities and Play Area Manager).
- As they were absent from the meeting, it was agreed that GM would approach Nigel Billington and Steve Corton to see whether they wished to continue as members of the Management Committee.

05 - 02/23 Minutes of the 2021/2022 AGM

- The minutes of the last meeting which was held on the 2nd March 2022 were agreed and signed by GM as Chair.

06 - 02/23 Treasurers Report and 2021/22 Annual Accounts

- A very comprehensive and detailed report had been produced by AnM as Treasurer and this is appended to these minutes. AnM also explained that the salient points included the fact that the 2022 fete had been the best ever and the September play area opening event had been included. Thanks were therefore given to AnM for his excellent work.
- The 2021/2022 annual accounts had been independently audited by Paul Burrows (PB) and all queries resolved. AnM sincerely thanked PB for the thorough and in-depth audit he had freely undertaken.
- The accounts were therefore fully endorsed by the Club Committee and thanks again extended to PB. It was agreed to unanimously to appoint PB as the auditor for the current year.

07 - 02/23 Miscellaneous Items and Open Forum

Two items were raised, viz:

- It was unanimously agreed that the small number of attendees at this meeting was disappointing and the Club needed much more support in its management. Whilst volunteers were forthcoming at events like the fete, more input was required from these groups towards the Club's overall management. It was agreed that ideally, each associated club should supply a representative to be present at all Community Cub meetings. It was also agreed that each associated club should supply a precis of their aims and objectives for wider circulation.
- The Club newsletter was an excellent tool to advise villagers on what was happening and AnM was thanked for his excellent editorship. Also, thanks were expressed to LC for the excellent editorship of the village websites of Bedfield and Monk Soham.

08 -02/23 Date of Next Meeting

- The date of the next committee meeting would be agreed in due course.

The meeting ended at 2040 with GM thanking everyone for their input.

Signed:..... (Chair).