

WIDCOMBE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting
held on April 14th 2011 at Widcombe Baptist Church

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed every one to the meeting, making particular mention of Martin Broadbent, Chairman of Greenway, and the candidates for the local election.

Apologies were received from Mayveen Blackwell, Chris Rogers, Helen Peter, Ro Emsley, Richard and Maggie Turner and Chris and Sue Kinchin-Smith.

Chairman's Remarks

Richard had included a full report in the Newsletter, so focussed on two issues.

i) Rossiter Road. Richard had attended the FoBRA meeting on Monday April 11th at which local political party leaders were present. Francine Haeberling reported that the public consultation had resulted in 60% for the project and 40% against. The current administration is committed to proceeding. Richard felt that we need further details on how these figures were arrived at so that we can formulate a proper interpretation and response.

ii) Lyncombe Vale Access for Two Tunnels Project. Richard and Paddy had attended a meeting, chaired by Martin Broadbent, with Lyncombe Vale Residents and Sustrans. It was agreed that there will be a public consultation in Widcombe about this access and that Sustrans, after agreeing all details with WA, Greenway and Lyncombe Vale Residents, will undertake all aspects of that consultation, including a leaflet drop.

iii) A formal vote of thanks was given, in their absence, to Mayveen Blackwell for her long, varied and excellent service on the committee over many years and to Ro Emsley for five years very efficient work as secretary. Both ladies had been presented with flowers at the committee meeting on April 5th.

Treasurers Remarks

Full accounts were available to those present.

Jeremy reported that the Association is in good financial health. We have a small excess of income over expenditure. It has been a good year for income as we have received some grants, some donations and income from events.

Consequently the Association has been able to make some donations to local causes.

There were no questions from the floor.

Jeremy thanked Marilyn Phillips for her work on the accounts.

Adoption of Accounts

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Richard and seconded by Martin Broadbent. The Accounts were adopted nem con.

Election of Examiner for Accounts

Marilyn Phillips was unanimously re-elected as Examiner for Accounts.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following were all elected nem con to the committee:

Ozzie ffield	Member
Chris Rogers	Member
Ann Ashworth	Membership Secretary
Liz Littlewood	Secretary
Julian Williams	Vice-Chairman
Paddy Doyle	Chairman

Martin Broadbent, from the floor, thanked Richard for his huge contribution as Chairman. Paddy also thanked Richard for his wonderful work, pointing out that, amongst many other things, it was Richard who introduced Direct Debit payment for membership and encouraged all members to use that method. He noted Richard's work in arranging for the redrafting of the Constitution and that he has become a powerful force in maintaining good relations with councillors and council officers during all the Rossiter Road negotiations. Paddy proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

In his reply, Richard pointed out that many other people had had a profound influence on the success of the Rossiter Road project.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.50pm.

Hustings

The six candidates for the local elections each spoke for three minutes on the subject "What I will do for Widcombe if I am elected". This was followed by a lively question and answer session from the floor.

The evening concluded with wine, nibbles and an opportunity for conversation.