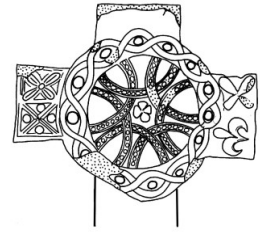


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MITTON AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of General Meeting **Held at Mitton School on Thursday 17th May 2007**

1. Present

David & Hyla Maul; Carrie Sermon; Janet Thomson; B & T Fedrick; Cllrs. Chuck Pavey, Vernon Smith & Geoff Pope; N Sprackling; Bob Rackstraw; Adrienne & Bob Skelt; Jan & Margaret Lucas; Annette Merrick; Ken & Mary Powell; Chris Thomas (Chairman); Jean Thomas, Neville Gyngell; Nigel Holberton (Treasurer); Geoff Butcher (Secretary); Mary Butcher; Cllr Mike Sztymiak; Martin Wright; Andy Beadle; Sue Edlin; Maggie Thornton. (Some attendees did not register.)

The Chairman welcomed all those present, especially any new members who wished to join the Association. The local councillors present were also introduced.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jim & Janet Scott; Annie Goodwin; Mr & Mrs Pittman; Phil Merrick; Lionel Perry.

3. Notification of Any Other Business

Mike Sztymiak to give an update on the situation regarding parking in Tewkesbury.

4. Minutes of last meeting

The Chairman asked if anyone had any points to raise regarding the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2007. There were no responses, therefore the minutes were accepted as a true record.

5. Notification of Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman introduced the other members of the committee, and the officers who were elected at the first committee meeting, which was held on 13th March 2007. The full committee is as follows:

Chris Thomas (Chairman); Geoff Butcher (Secretary); Nigel Holberton (Treasurer); Neville Gyngell; Andy Beadle; Bob Rackstraw; Martin Wright; Mary Butcher.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that letters have been sent to all the local councils whose plans might affect this area, asking them to consult us and keep us informed of any such developments. Other local organisations have also been contacted. Acknowledgements have been received.

A website for the organisation has been created which may be accessed at www.mittoncommunity.org.uk and committee members (with the exception of Nigel and Neville) may be contacted using their firstname@mittoncommunity.org.uk – alternatively the chairman or secretary can be emailed as chairman/secretary@mittoncommunity.org.uk.

Members who wish to receive copies of the Minutes or other information by email were asked to add their email addresses to the attendance list which was passed round. Membership cards have been produced and were available at the meeting. They will be issued to the members who were not present in due course.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that 47 people who attended the inaugural meeting joined the association, giving £94 received in membership fees. A bank account has been opened at HSBC in Tewkesbury in the name of the Association, with the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as signatories – two signatures being required on any cheques. Copies of the account statement were available to anyone who would like one.

The Treasurer has application forms available for completion by anyone wishing to join the Association.

He also reported that he had been investigating the possibility of setting up a "Hundred Club" or similar, and had obtained forms from the local council to set up a lottery.

8. Presentation by Tewkesbury Museum

The Chairman introduced Maggie Thornton, the curator of the museum and Sue Edlin, her assistant. Sue gave an interesting talk on the museum, its history and some of its exhibits and events. At the end of her talk Sue appealed for any of historical artefacts that people may be prepared to donate to the museum.

9. Overview of visit to Hardwick Village Hall, & talks held with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

Mike Sztymiak spoke about the possible developments for the piece of land (of about 0.4 hectare) which has been set aside for community use, by the builders of the new estate off Bredon Road. He and Neville Gyngell had visited Hardwick Village Hall to obtain ideas. Also talks were held by the committee with Barbara Pond, of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to discuss ways of financing any building or other development we might wish to undertake. Barbara emphasised that it will be essential to demonstrate that any scheme has positive support across the whole community.

Mike exhibited a plan of the housing development showing the location of the land that has been set aside for community use. A brief discussion followed.

10. Setting up of a Social Committee

The meeting was asked if there was support for the idea of having a social committee to arrange various events for fund-raising and social activities. This was approved without a vote, but by a general consensus.

The Chairman asked for volunteers to serve on such a committee and offers were received from: Annette Merrick, Carrie Sermon, Janet Thomson and Jean Thomas. Events suggested included a Mitton Day, to be held in the autumn, and a race night.

11. AOB

Town parking proposals

Mike Sztymiak reported that discussions with the Borough Council were ongoing, although there were no new developments yet.

12. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th July, in Mitton School Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed with tea and coffee, for which a small donation was requested.