

ASPRA Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Addiscombe and Shirley Park Residents' Association held on the 3rd September 2014 in the Pavilion, St Mildred's Centre , Bingham Road

Appologies

Stephen Mann(arrived later), Mr and Mrs Patten, Jenny Tighe, Brian Ashwell, Micky Edwards

Fred Law- Treasurer

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were read out and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Residents were told of the sad death of Lee Chester and our thoughts were with James.

Councillor Maddie Henson reported to the meeting and took questions. Councillor Andrew Randall was also present at the meeting.

Ashburton Library will no longer to be sold off. It will be kept in Council ownership and renovated. Its use is still undecided.

Residents raised the following issues:

- Drains in the roads not cleared. Resident had photograph evidence of the problem in Birch Tree Way. Councillors promised to look into this.
- Concern that facilities at the Post Office collection office were inadequate and could not be accessed by the elderly and people with disabilities. Also concern that there is no public parking at the collection office and poor access on public transport.
- Ashburton Park -traffic filter into Shirley Road would be beneficial.
- Old lamppost stubs. These will be removed once all the new lampposts in place.

The Editor of the ASPRA Newsletter asked for articles from members. She aims for 3 newsletters each year.

The Webmaster reported that advertising was down and that the web is updated each week.

The Chair read the Treasurer's report on the year's accounts and these were approved.

The Chair gave her report:

- Local Heritage status applied for.
- Liaised over planning, lighting , preservation of nightingales.
- Liaised with local police and Neighbourhood Watch.
- Fought planning application for new dental surgery unsuccessfully.
- Installation of R F Delderfield plaque.
- Chair thanked all who work hard for ASPRA

It was proposed that:

- A noticeboard outside the Blackhorse should be looked into further
- An application is made to the Small Grants Fund possibly with other resident associations in April 2015

Proposed changes to the constitution were put forward and voted on.

Addition of new post of Membership Secretary to the Committee-NOT AGREED

On payment of subscription a receipt will only be issued if requested-AGREED

Change of date of AGM from September to April-AGREED

Change of financial year

It was proposed that the annual subscription fee be increased from £3 to £4-AGREED

There were no nominations for the post of Chairperson. The position remains vacant.

There were no nominations for the post of Vice Chairperson. The position remains vacant.

Fredrick Law re-elected as Treasurer.

No volunteers for the role of Secretary at the meeting. Jane Fisher will continue in this role.

Liz Brereton re-elected as Magazine Editor.

Mr Henson offered to help as Webmaster.

Maddie Henson offered to be Road Rep for Shirley Park Road.

Member suggested Membership may be increased by a loyalty card scheme.

The owners of the house on Ashburton Ave were R F Delderfield lived thanked ASPRA for the plaque.

Meeting ends at 10pm.