

# Highcliffe Residents' Association CIC

## Annual General Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm at The Old School, 254  
Lymington Road

### MINUTES

#### Present:

- HRA Chairman Rob Austin
- HRA Directors Sue Taylor, Jacqui Waddock, Ian Hartnell, and Richard Reader
- HRA Executive Committee members Ben Lock, Willie McNeill, Mary Reader, and Paul Taylor
- Councillors Sally Derham-Wilkes, Nick Geary and John Lofts
- about 40 other HRA members and residents.

#### Apologies:

- HRA Executive Committee members Andy Clayton and Guy Gillett
- Councillors Lesley Dedman and Trish Jamieson
- Several other HRA members

#### 1. Welcome and Review of HRA Activities in 2017/18

Chairman Rob Austin welcomed members to the meeting and said that this would be his last meeting as Chairman, because Ian Hartnell (who, as vice-Chairman, had been shadowing him of late) would be proposed for election as Chair.

Rob said that it had been a generally happy four years for him in the Chair, with good progress on several issues, including support for:

- opposition to aspects of the Churchill planning application,
- the successful campaigns to oppose the Beach Hut proposals and the closure of the Zig Zag path.

He thanked fellow-Directors Sue Taylor and Jacqui Waddock, and Treasurer Paul Taylor, for their support in keeping HRA active throughout this period.

Rob now looked forward to the next several years, which would include a lot of excitement as we progress towards the formation of a Parish Council for Highcliffe and Walkford. The HRA had actively supported this proposal in view of members' concerns about the need to improve the area, and to retain some local representation under the new Unitary Authority.

#### 2. Minutes of 11 September 2017 AGM, and of 12 March 2018 EGM

These minutes were approved.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paul Taylor had provided a summary statement for the year ended 30 April 2018 showing a small operating profit of £1,644, with cash at Bank now at £24,969 (albeit we still have an outstanding loan with Charity Bank of around £23,000). Paul said that this had been another stable year, and that full accounts were available on the Welcome Desk for those requiring more detail.

#### **4. Annual Accounts**

The accounts were adopted.

#### **5. Nominations for Officers and Executives**

There had been no new nominations.

#### **6. Election of Chairman, Directors and Executive Committee**

Ian Hartnell was proposed as the new Chairman by Paul Taylor, and seconded by Stephen Clark. Rob invited any votes against this nomination. There were none, so Rob declared Ian unanimously elected.

Rob said that all the other Directors and Executive Committee members were willing to continue in office, and invited any objections to a mass re-election of them all. There were none, so he declared them all formally re-elected.

Rob then handed the Chair over to Ian.

Ian expressed great thanks to Rob, and also to Directors Sue Taylor and Jacqui Waddock, and to Treasurer Paul Taylor, for keeping HRA going throughout an at times challenging period. He had just begun to discover how much work is involved, and now appreciated all the better Rob's sustained contribution. He was delighted that Rob would be staying on as a Director of HRA CIC.

#### **7. Appointment of Accountants**

Treasurer Paul Taylor said that the accountants were willing to continue, and proposed that they be re-appointed. This was agreed without dissent.

#### **8. Other Relevant Business**

Ian said that no other valid business had been proposed, and that general discussion of HRA activities would take place during the Quarterly Members' Meeting, which would follow immediately.

#### **9. Date of next AGM**

Ian said that the next AGM would precede the Quarterly Members' Meeting on 9 September 2019.

Ian thanked all those attending the AGM - especially those who had taken an active part - and closed the meeting at about 7:20pm.