

**Draft AGM Minutes**

**Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Christopher Black GMPRG Committee; Carole Eaden GMPRG Chair; Robert Gibson GMPRG Treasurer; John Gladwin GMPRG Committee; Mike Johnstone GMPC & GMPRG Committee representing South Heath; Peter Martin Buckinghamshire Councillor & GMPRG Committee representing Great Missenden; Barbara Rowett GMPRG Secretary & representing Prestwood, Colin Veysey GMPRG Committee & The Source for HP16.

**Representatives attending from local organisations:** John Cadman PVA; Roger Funk Chalfont Revitalisation Group Chair; Tracy Georgiades Deputy Great Missenden Parish Council Clerk; Mimi Harker Buckinghamshire Council; Anthony Hearn Bucks Goat Centre; Ivan Lovegrove GMPC & Prestwood Village Schools Federation Governor; Vanessa Martin GMPC; Martyn Poole Prestwood Village Hall Trustees,

**Interested residents attending:** Matthew Appleby; Lynda Cooke; Paul Deacon; Virginia Deradour; Mike Etkind; Tony & Val Marshall Prestwood Nature & GMPC respectively.

**Apologies:** Wendy Buckley; Catherine Bunting GMPC; Holly Burrows; Liz Charleston Missendens Community Board; Mop Denson GMVA; Paul Egan; Steve Gardam Roald Dahl Museum; Anne Kaneko GMVA; Dr Elaine King Chilterns Conservation Board; Louise Proudlove GMVA; Kevin Lovell, GMPRG Committee/Holy Trinity Prestwood; Ali Martin Colts FC; Karen Pither GMPC; Mike Rainsford Great Missenden Rotary; Doug Silverstone Little Chalfont PC; Jill Stiel GMVA; Heather Wallace Bucks Councillor; Mike Wintgens GMVA.

**1. Colin Veysey opened the Zoom as host** and laid out the meeting guidelines. Carole Eaden welcomed everyone and the GMPRG team then introduced themselves.

**2. The minutes of the last AGM** held on 28 March 2019 had been circulated in advance. Carole therefore proposed that the minutes be taken as read, seconded by Vanessa Martin that they be approved. A show of hands from those attending agreed. There were no matters arising.

**3. Election of the Committee** - Carole handed over to the Secretary, Barbara Rowett. Since the last AGM in 2019, Ken Brown, who was on the committee representing Great Missenden, retired for family reasons and recently Brenda Gover decided to retire from representing Ballinger. GMPRG's thanks go to them both for the time and energy that they have dedicated to the Group over the years. Deiniol Heywood of Holy Trinity Prestwood had nominated Kevin Lovell to take his place and Christopher Black had been co-opted to join the team.

Therefore, the GMPRG Committee – Carole Eaden, Robert Gibson, Mike Johnstone, Peter Martin, John Gladwin, Colin Veysey and Barbara Rowett, together with Kevin Lovell and Christopher Black via his co-option, have all kindly agreed to remain on the committee for the next year. Mike Etkind agreed to propose and Ivan Lovegrove seconded that all committee members be reinstated en bloc. A show of hands confirmed agreement. Carried.

Thanks were given to John Cadman of the Prestwood Village Association for kindly agreeing to continue in his co-opted role and, in addition, to help administer the GMPRG website.

Carole Eaden, although happy to remain on the committee, has decided to relinquish her post as Chair, having held it since John Skrimshire passed away. Christopher Black has kindly agreed to stand as GMPRG's new Chair. Barbara Rowett proposed and John Cadman agreed to second this, with the motion being carried by a show of hands.

Barbara, on behalf of GMPRG, thanked Carole very much for all her enthusiasm and hard work over the years during her chairmanship and confirmed that the Group is looking forward to continuing to work with her as part of the team.

4. Carole Eaden informed the meeting that Robert Gibson has kindly agreed to stay on as Treasurer for another year and proposed that he be reinstated. John Gladwin seconded and a show of hands confirmed the reappointment.

5. Carole then proposed that Barbara Rowett continue as Secretary for a further year. Seconded by Christopher Black and the motion was carried by a show of hands.

6. **Treasurer's report** – The accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021 had been circulated to everyone prior to the meeting. Robert Gibson reported on the accounts for the last two years and thanked Lyn Williams for examining them. He also updated on the current position of income and expenditure broken down into ongoing projects and the current bank balance.

Robert updated that as GMPRG has applied for project funding over the last two years, it's become necessary to compile policies on Equality & Diversity, Data Protection, Health & Safety and Safeguarding. These will be uploaded to the GMPRG website and, if necessary, the committee would amend the constitution to take these into account.

7. **Chair's report** – as this was Carole's last report as chair, she reflected on past and current projects under her watch – Slide presentation and report attached separately on GMPRG website.

8. **Vote of thanks** – Peter Martin led a vote of thanks to Carole for her years as GMPRG Chair – unanimously agreed. The AGM was officially closed by the host, Colin, and the following presentations were introduced.

9. Mike Johnstone led an **Update on Cycling and Bike Parking** followed by John Cadman on **Local Public and Community Transport** – slides from both presentations attached.

10. The evening's Zoom session finished with Christopher Black presenting on **Climate Change – The rest of the Story** and general discussion including Questions/Answers.

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