

# Upwey Society AGM 2014

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2014 at 7.30pm

## OLD SCHOOL VILLAGE HALL

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 14 March 2013 (copy in this insert)
4. Matters arising
5. Reports:
  - Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Planning and conservation
  - Membership
6. Election of Officers and Committee
7. Election of Examiner of Accounts
8. Constitution change: The committee proposes amending the financial year of the society from its present dates to January 1st to December 31st.
9. Any Other Business
10. Date of next AGM

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## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2013 at 7.30pm at Upwey Old School Village Hall.**

**1. Welcome.** The chairman welcomed members to the 39th AGM.

**2. Apologies** were received from Ken Gale, Jan Dunne, John and Jos O'Driscoll, Gee Sutton, Gwen Mckell and Ron March.

**3. Approval of the minutes.** The minutes of the AGM held on 15th March 2012 had been distributed in advance. Adoption was proposed by Phil Price and seconded by Pat Thomson and agreed.

**4. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.

**5. Chairmans's Report.** John Huggins said that despite the weather we had managed to achieve all but one of the eight planned events; we had had to cancel the 5th November Fireworks as access to the field was impossible. We have eight events planned for this year starting on 13th April with a Folk Night. John went on to say that we have had three floods in the village with Church Street being the worst affected, with some houses being flooded and the restored Friar Waddon Footpath and Upper Church Street being washed away. Following pressure from the Society, DCC have agreed to clear the brook and restore the footpath, further work is planned to improve the flow of the brook in Church Street. John said that we would not have been able to do this without the tremendous support from a huge number of helpers and not only committee members. John said that his stated objective was to set up a Society website. Thanks to a terrific effort by the team – Sheonagh Ravensdale, Pat Thomson, Jan Dunne, with a little help from himself, the web site should be up and running by the weekend. [www.upweysociety.org.uk](http://www.upweysociety.org.uk) Thanks also to the web designer Sally Wilkinson. John finished by saying, please leave your email address; this will never be passed on to third parties, but will enable us to pass information on to you. He also expressed his thanks to all for their support and help. (A copy of the full report is available if requested.)

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**6. Secretary's Report.** Helen Goodman said that we have held 7 well attended committee meetings this year, with everyone working hard to organise events. We have also discussed issues which have affected the village eg planning and conservation and tried to deal with them. We have published three newsletters this year. We now have new editors, Pat Thomson and Sheonagh Ravensdale, and the newsletter is now in a different format which has given it a fresh look. Helen finished by saying that she was sure that the editors would be grateful for any contributions.

**7. Treasurers Report.** Copies of the Income and Expenditure and Balance sheets were distributed and Dave Mountjoy talked us through them. He said that judging by the subscriptions, we appear to have fewer members; this is because some members pay tri-annually. The BBQ lost money this year mainly due to the weather. The money for the fireworks is being held over for next year. We have also had to change the insurance premiums as our existing policy no longer covers the number of people attending our events. Dave proposed that Phil Price audit the accounts next year; this was seconded by Richard Willetts. Phil has agreed to continue as Examiner of Accounts for the year 2013-2014.

**8. Planning and Conservation.** The Society has objected to the Alternative Site Proposal for land between the Dorchester Road and the railway line. We took the line that we should oppose it as being unsuitable and we will know the results by summer.

**9. Membership.** George White said that at the time of writing there were 247 household members and 26 members living away from the village. 300 copies are delivered to his house three times a year (Feb/March, June and October). They are sorted and given to the 14 deliverers. He went on to say that we are trying to abandon the practice of paying tri-annual subscriptions as it distorts the treasurer's cash flow and is difficult to administer.

**10. Elections.** Evelyn Price has stepped down from the committee and we thank her for her 22 years of hard work. She will however carry on as our archivist.

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The election of officers and committee then took place with one new member proposed i.e. Sheonagh Ravensdale. As places were not contested, all were elected en bloc.

Officers of the Society for 2013-2014 are

Chairman John Huggins

Secretary Helen Goodman

Treasurer Dave Mountjoy

Membership Carol and George White

## **11. Any Other Business.**

Peter Hamlin said that flooding on The Ridgeway was caused by blocked drains. In regard to the bus timetable being reinstated he urged everyone to now use the bus service to make it viable. He said that the piece of land opposite the River House may come on the market and may be available for development.

Gwen Naylor said that the Christmas Party this year will be run by the church with proceeds going to the Fabric fund.

Pru Bollam said that the ruts in the track on the Ridgeway were caused by lorries going to the quarry, and had been loose filled by the council. This is what is coming down in the floods and blocking the drains.

Wendy Sams mentioned that the phone box at the top of Elwell Street is in a bad state of repair.

George White reminded us that we have agreed to plant daffodils on the Dorchester Road at the top of Elwell Street. He will be looking for volunteers to plant the bulbs in September/October.

Richard Willetts asked about the results of the monitoring of the traffic in the village. George White said that the counters in Goulds Hill have shown that the overall number of cars weekly had gone down from 8500 to 5000, however the daily 'rat run' cars had increased by 61 per week. George said that if we want traffic calming we have to produce more evidence to show that need it.

The meeting was closed to be followed by wine and canapes.