

Upwey Society AGM 2013

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013 7.30.pm

OLD SCHOOL VILLAGE HALL

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 15 March 2012 (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. Any Other Business
9. Date of next AGM

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2012 at Upwey Old School Village Hall.

We observed a few moments of silence to remember John Ramsden (former secretary), his wife Angela and Gwen Hampton.

1. Welcome. The chairman welcomed 46 members to the 37th AGM.

2. Apologies were received from several members unable to attend.

3. Approval of the minutes. The minutes from the AGM held on 10th March 2011 had been distributed in advance. Adoption was proposed, seconded and agreed.

4. Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's report. Evelyn Price expressed her thanks to the committee for their support over the last year with a special mention to John Huggins and Dave Mountjoy, and to Jos for producing the newsletter with Ken's technical help. Evelyn then thanked Phil for his support and help. She then gave an account of the Society's activities over the past year, mentioning several of the things that we have achieved, among them the improvements to the footpaths and amenities around the village. Congratulations were offered to Pru Bollam and John Lambert on being awarded the MBE. Evelyn offered her best wishes to John, who is taking over the Chairmanship of the Society and wished him well.

(A copy of the full report is available if requested.)

6. Treasurer's Report. Copies of the Income and Expenditure and Balance sheets were distributed and Dave talked us through it. He said that this was the first year ever that we had made a profit out of the Bonfire Night; he also mentioned that the cost of the newsletter had gone up, mainly because thanks to Jos, it was now a bigger and better production. He proposed that Phil audit the accounts next year. Seconded by Jos.

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7. Planning and Conservation. John gave an account of what had been achieved in the last year. The village notice board was put up with some coverage from the press, it is hoped that this will give some flavour of the village and that we will be able at a later date to place repeat boards at other locations. The restoration of the footpath at the end of Church Street was completed by Christmas by a band of stalwart members and with the help of equipment loaned by Build-Rite. This was a massive undertaking and was achieved by a great deal of hard work by those involved.

8. Membership. Carol said that the newsletter goes out 3 times a year and it is delivered by 14 helpers, We are now looking for someone to take over John Ramsden's area. Carol went on to say that the deliveries were relatively easy but it wasn't always that simple to collect the subscriptions; this takes place with the June edition. 244 households subscribe, and there are 25 newsletters to post to previous residents who wish to stay in touch.

9. Elections. Evelyn stepped down as Chairman, her term of office coming to an end. Angela Lousley as President thanked Evelyn for all of her hard work and she was presented with a planter of spring flowers. John Huggins was proposed as the new Chairman by Gee Sutton; this was seconded by Phil Price. John then took over the Chair and said that he and Sally had felt at home in the village from the start because of the friendliness of the people. He said that he was very happy to do the job but that Evelyn was a hard act to follow.

The election of the officers and committee then took place with 2 new members proposed i.e. Mark Ninham and Jan Dunne. As places were not contested, all were elected en bloc.

Officers of the Society for 2012-2013 are:

Chairman John Huggins

Secretary Helen Goodman

Treasurer Dave Mountjoy

Membership Carol White

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10. Examination of Accounts. Phil Price has agreed to continue as Examiner of Accounts for the year 2012-2013.

11. Any Other Business.

Sheonagh thanked everyone who had supported their 'Dusty Old Bags' evening. They have given this talk to raise money for Motorcycle Outreach and asked if anyone knew of any other organisations that would be interested in their talk.

Peter Hamlin said that since the new road had opened, the frequency of the buses had decreased with the diversion of two routes.

Pat Thomson suggested that the Newsletter should go out as a PDF. It was agreed that we will discuss this in Committee as an option to a paper copy. There was also a proposal that we should have our own website and costs were being investigated.

New chairs had been suggested for the Old School Village Hall and Angela asked if anything had been decided. Phil said that there was a problem getting rid of the old ones.

Thanks were given to Di Pattinson for running the 100 Club and Barry Day was now taking it over.

12. Forthcoming Events

Wine Challenge Saturday 21st April 2012

Diamond Jubilee Street Party Monday 4th June 2012

Treasure Hunt Saturday 9th June 2012

Annual General Meeting 14th March 2013 The Old School Village Hall

The meeting was closed and was followed by wine and canapés.