

## **Minutes of the AGM of the Upwey Society held on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Upwey Society was held in the Village Hall on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. In the absence of the President, Angela Lousley, John Huggins chaired the meeting and began by welcoming all those present. Sixty-two members registered their attendance and 16 apologies were received. John made mention of the fact that it was one of the best attended general meetings for some time.

The minutes of the 2017 AGM had already been circulated and were accepted as a true record of events. Their adoption was proposed by Christine Wells and seconded by Gee Sutton.

### **Chairman's Report:**

In his report Richard Sams stressed the need for new, fresh and younger members to come forward to serve on the committee. He outlined that there are 3 main events throughout the year, namely, Open Gardens in July, the Village Barbeque and the Village Bonfire. Normally other events are organised but in the past 12 months or so the society had left the way clear for the Church group to stage some fundraising events.

He gave notice of his intention to stand down as Chairman and also paid tribute to the service given by George White, the outgoing secretary and in particular the service to the whole village by Mike Goodman who was retiring from the committee after more than 20 years. Mike had taken a lead role in the organisation of all 3 main events and while there was always a plentiful supply of helpers, what is required is for someone to take the lead role in organising these events.

### **Secretary's Report:**

In his report George made reference to the meetings held throughout the year and the commendable attendance at those meetings held in various committee members houses. As retiring secretary he had a sizeable collection of past minutes, notices, general correspondence and suchlike which he would put in the loft above the hall where they might be held pending the unlikely need for any of them in the future. He also reiterated what Richard said about the main village events and said that it was difficult to discontinue running the bonfire, for instance, when the receipts indicated that 1000 people attended.

He also reported on the traffic situation in the village and hoped that we would soon be able to install a Speed Indicator Display (SID). Wessex Water was working in the village at the moment and their work prevented the Highways Agency from carrying out an up-to-date traffic survey. When the findings of the survey are available the Agency would come to a decision on where/if a SID might be positioned.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Dave Mountjoy reported a healthy balance of society funds. This is due largely to 2 events being so successful and well supported. Income from Open Gardens was up by £800 while Bonfire Night was up £600.

Our balance at the bank is at just over £11000 but of that the following was committed:

Donation to the Church Fund	£2500
Defibrillator	1000
Speed Indicator Display	4000

There were several questions of the accounts and in due course the treasurer's report was unanimously accepted, proposed by Mike Davies and seconded by Carol White.

### **Membership Report:**

Glenda Llewellyn reported that there was little change in the number of people becoming members of the society. There has been little variation over the years, centring around 250 households, give or take a few. It seems that as new people come to live in the village, they just take the place of those who have moved on. More than £600 was collected in subs in 2017.

### **Election of Officers and Committee members:**

Chairman	Richard Sams
Secretary	Kate Knight
Treasurer	Dave Mountjoy
Membership Sec.	Glenda Llewellyn

The following members were re-elected to the committee:

Helen Goodman; Anne Prendergast; Gee Sutton; Christine Wells; Jackie Faulkner; Wendy Sams; Jackie Johnson; Ken Gale; Sue Hancock.

Additionally, the following new members were welcomed to the committee:

Chris Emblen; Tony King; Mike Davies; Stuart Meade.

Phil Price was elected to examine the accounts.

**Proposal 1:** That the outgoing Chairperson automatically become the President of the society.

This proposal was defeated.

John O'Driscoll withdrew the second proposal in the light of the Treasurer's report, which related to the surplus funds being held in the accounts.

**2019 AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm and all present were invited to partake of a glass of wine as is the custom.