

# VINTERS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of meeting of Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Vinters Park Community Centre

### Opening

The Chairperson, Tony Hewson, opened the meeting at 8.00pm by welcoming everyone attending. (The signatures on the attendance list indicated that 25 were present).

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairperson.

### Chairpersons Report

Welcome to this, the 2024 AGM of the Vinters Park Residents' Association and I thank you all for attending.

One wonders were the time goes, it doesn't seem that long since the last AGM, but in that year we have been very active, so let me give you a brief resume of what we have been up to.

Our coffee mornings on the first Friday morning of each month continue to go from strength to strength, I think this is in the most part due to the very hard work put in by our team of ladies and Ken, they are all volunteers and give up their time to make wonderful cakes for this event, and of course all of you who attend, we couldn't do it without you. Ian Chittenden is a regular and keeps us updated on local problems and answers your questions. Steve Songhurst from the Nature Reserve has also kept us updated on what goes on in the reserve.

We have just completed the 2025 Easter Egg hunt and again it doesn't seem long since the last one. This event is extremely well attended and enjoyed by all that take part. Once again, its success is due to all those volunteers who help organise it, my thanks to them all. We held our car show last year in the car park, it was really well attended. We do seem to have a lot of owners of interesting cars in the area, but I think the bacon rolls and tea do help. This year's event is on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, so we look forward to seeing you all. My thanks go to Craig McAteer for helping to organise this event.

We are holding a cream tea on the afternoon of 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, there will be entertainment and local produce stalls so come and join us, tickets will be available soon.

We had a very successful Christmas lunch last year, which replaces the last coffee morning of the year, it was enjoyed by all as I am sure it will be again this year. This, of course, leads on to our Christmas Fair, the largest event of the year. This year it will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November, so put it in your diaries, it's an event not to be missed.

So that concludes a brief recount of previous and forthcoming events, but the running of your Community Centre goes on, we are always looking for new volunteers to come and join our team so give it some thought and if you have any ideas for new events please let us have them.

My many thanks to our hardworking committee.

## **Presentation of Accounts**

The Association's Finance Manager, Emma Stannett, was unable to attend this year but has submitted a report to be read out by our Secretary, Caroline Corry. The audited income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 January 2025 and the balance sheet as at that date. Copies of which had been circulated at the meeting earlier.

The meeting duly APPROVED the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 January 2025 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2025, copies of which are inserted in the Minute Book.

## **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

It was duly AGREED that Steven Hill be appointed as the Independent Examiner for the current year.

## **Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members**

The following members have indicated their willingness to continue on the Committee for the year 2024 - 2025:

Chairperson	Tony Hewson
Vice-Chairperson	Michelle Zevla
Secretary	Caroline Corry

## **Appointed Manager**

Finance and Bookings Manager Emma Stannett

## **Executive Committee**

Individual Members Fred Burton, Ken Goodchild, Cathy Webster, Tina Deverson, Jacqui Badham, Vicky O'connell, Georgina Harris, Judith Kingdom.

## **Cllr. Ian Chittenden**

The Chairperson then invited Ian Chittenden to present his last report as he is not standing for re-election in the up coming elections.

Ian began by thanking the VPRA for the work they do on the Community Centre and the success of it coffee mornings. Please support the committee or come and help.

Finance update on KCC. The Government continue to make cuts whilst costs have risen dramatically. There will be further cuts next year making it harder to get things done. Special educational needs, Youth Services, Social Services and Highways have all been cut substantially over the last 15 years. It would take £18million to bring everything up to scratch. KCC get finance from Government for potholes and surfacing so please continue to report these. School services are being maintained, we are short of places in junior schools due to the new developments but there are a few places still in senior schools.

The Government's proposal to do away with county and borough councils and form a unitary council with an elected Mayor will see many changes in the county in the next few years.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the years, I have enjoyed working with the residents of Vinters Park.

Ian then invited questions from the floor;

Q What consideration is given to effluent when building housing?

A The same as with other utilities.

Q Do developers consider water saving appliances?

A Yes they do.

Q Is Kent Highways independent?

A No it is part of KCC

Q What can be done about the amount of rubbish being left around the estate?

A Continue to report on MBC website as fly tipping.

Q Is tree cutting done regularly?

A KCC check all trees every 5 years. If there is a problem then report to either KCC or MBC.

The Chair thanked Ian for all the help and support he has give to the VPRA.

### **Any Other Business**

The Chairperson opened the floor to any other business.

John Fuller said that he is regularly seeing cars being parked in the hall car park and then left there for the day. The committee have previously stated that this is not a problem between the hours of 9.00pm and 8.00am but outside of that can cause and issue with hirers. It was agreed by the Chair that the committee would look into the issue.

### **Conclusion**

There being no other business, the Chairperson concluded the meeting by thanking those present for their attendance. The Chairperson then closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

**Approved .....**(Chairperson)

**Date:**.....