



## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chorleywood Residents Association held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 7 May 2024**

1. Apologies for absence – **Rhonda Vanderwood, Mike Stansfield and Nagina Qureshi**
2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 May 2023 were unanimously approved.
3. There were no Matters arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes.
4. **Jane Tozer** warmly welcomed Chorleywood residents and the speaker, Sheryl Shurville of Chorleywood Bookshop, to the Annual General Meeting of the Chorleywood Residents Association (the “**CRA**”).

**Jane** delivered a speech on behalf of the Committee highlighting the work done by the CRA over the previous twelve months. Topics included were as follows:

### **The Parade Bed revamp**

The Parade Bed was revamped and replanted during the period which has been an ongoing project for the CRA. Thanks were given to **Lisa Stewart** of the CRA who has led this project. It was noted that there had been problems with trampling of plants and litter, which has been frustrating. As the CRA are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the beds, it was also noted that more volunteers are needed.

### **Planning**

Jane thanked **Jon Bishop** for his ongoing hard work on Chorleywood planning matters, together with the Three River Joint Resident Associations. It was noted that there has been a huge amount of work with Three Rivers District Council and the Three Rivers’ Ras, leading to a meeting the UK Housing Minister regarding protection of the Green Belt, which was arranged in conjunction with local MP, Gagan Mohindra.

The Committee was also pleased to report that all undeveloped Green Belt land has been removed from the Three Rivers Draft Local Plan.

**Jane** also flagged the ongoing potential Green Street developments where new planning applications have been submitted, urging residents to submit their comments as comments on the previous applications no longer count.

### **Blacketts Wood Drive trees**

**Jane** highlighted that more trees had been planted on the verges of Blacketts Wood Drive, which was an initiative suggested by the CRA. It was noted that further trees are also expected to be added next year as they continue to march up the road.

### **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

As many residents will be aware, a consultation on the LCWIP (by TRDC) was released in June 2023. Jane noted that the CRA had played a significant role in bringing this consultation to the attention of Chorleywood residents, who would have been significantly impacted by the plan. It was noted that the overwhelming majority of responses to the TRDC were from Chorleywood residents.

### **Lighting at underground carpark**

As noted in the CRA newsletters there have been significant concerns about the lack of lighting in the tube station carpark, which was potentially dangerous and could cause users of the carpark to feel uncomfortable. After significant lobbying to TfL and Saba Parking, who run the site, the CRA was pleased to report that improved solar lighting had been installed.

### **Roads and related**

Finally in respect of our local roads, **Jane** noted the below after CRA work:

- A pelican crossing on Stag Lane has been installed opposite Chorleywood Primary School.
- 20 mph zones are now in place in the village but only where they are needed.
- Additional signage has been added around the village regarding the suitability (or lack of) the roads for HGVs,

5. **David Gray** gave a Report on the Annual Accounts for 2023 which had been published on the CRA website, notice of which was given via the CRA newsletter. The accounts showed a surplus for the financial year of £2,847, versus a deficit of £1,972 in 2022.

**David** noted that CRA's Income comes from donations, the 100 Club, in which all residents are welcome to participate, and via the biennial The Chorleywood Resident ("TCR") magazine, which attracts advertising revenue. Conversely, CRA's most significant costs relate to the production, publication and delivery of the TCR, and it was noted that the printing and distribution costs for this magazine had increased very significantly in 2023. As only one issue of the TCR was produced in 2023, the level of expenditure was lower and the CRA accounts showed a surplus for that year.

The Reserves of CRA now stand at £9,969. Thanks were expressed to Nick Corden of Summers Morgan as the Independent Examiner for his work approving the Annual Accounts.

7. **Jane Tozer** asked the meeting to vote on the AGM Resolutions, starting with the approval of the Accounts, which was agreed unanimously.

8. Nick Corden had expressed his willingness to act as Independent Examiner for 2023 and **David Gray** proposed that he be so appointed. This was agreed unanimously.

9. The Office Holders and members of the Executive Committee (the "EC") were all willing to stand for re-election until the next Annual General Meeting in 2024, with the exception of Rhonda Vanderwood who is stepping down from the EC. There were no other nominations from the floor, and the Office Holders, Executive Committee members were all elected unanimously. In respect of the AGM resolution to re-appoint **Jane Tozer** as Chair, this was proposed to the meeting by **Darren Vickers** (Vice Chair and Honorary Secretary). **Darren** thanked **Jane** for her contribution to the CRA following her re-election.

10. The 100 Club Draw was then made, with the following prize winners:

- £10 – Christopher Evans (99)
- £10 – Wendy Griffiths (12)
- £10 – Marian Trim (87)
- £100 – Stephen Warland (22)

11. Any Other Business – There was none so the formal AGM was closed at 8.30 pm.

12. Following the conclusion of the formal business, a Q&A session was introduced by **Jane**. A number of topics were included in the Q&A, including:

- Resident concerns regarding the licence application for 3-5 Station Approach, particularly in respect of the late hours licence. It was noted that CRA have been in correspondence with the Council asking them to improve the process to give residents a proper opportunity to comment on applications.
- Ongoing concerns on the new Green Street planning applications which have recently been submitted.
- Recent traffic issues that have affected Chorleywood, with many routes in/out of the village impacted at the same time. It was noted that whilst traffic work is usually scheduled, the issue had arisen due to an urgent road closure for a gas leak on Shire Lane and an urgent sewer repair on Stag Lane.

13. **Jane Tozer** then introduced Sheryl Shurville for her presentation entitled: "Beyond the page: a day in the busy life of a bookseller". Upon conclusion of Sheryl's very interesting talk and Q&A session, **Jane** thanked Sheryl and closed the meeting.