

	WOODCOTE (EPSOM) RESIDENTS' SOCIETY MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 3rd March 2020 at St. Martin's Junior School Hall, Epsom	ACTION
	<p>Present: Steve McCormick (SM), Fred Mowbray (FM), Liz Frost (LF), Andrew Bircher (AB) Cherrill Auton (CA), Alex Coley (guest), Bernice Froud (BF), and 35+ local Woodcote ward residents.</p> <p>Apologies: Chris Frost (CF), Anne-Marie Goodwill (AM), Angela & Philip Clifford, Elaine Tyrrell, Brian Saxby</p>	
1	<p>Talk on the recent Climate Change Action Plan provided by Councillor Alex Coley, chairman of the working group that created the action plan.</p> <p>Thanks to Alex for his informative talk and for taking many interesting related questions on the topic of Climate Change.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for absence Received and recorded as above</p>	
3	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of the annual general meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 presented and approved.</p>	
4	<p>Approval and adoption of the accounts</p> <p>Audited accounts presented and accepted for the year end 31st December 2019.</p> <p>Cherrill Auton (CA) presented the accounts and opened the floor to questions.</p> <p>No questions were raised and the accounts were accepted for the year end 31st December 2019.</p> <p>The committee thanked Cherrill for her hard work during the year.</p>	
5	<p>Review of Group rules</p> <p>a. Rule 2.4 – Amount of life time subscriber multiple</p> <p>During last year's AGM it was proposed to increase the multiplier used for the life time subscriber amount from the current x10. The proposed multiplier was x15</p> <p>This rule change was supported by members present and agreed.</p> <p>A suggestion from the floor to increase base subscription amount from £3 to £5 was made.</p> <p>To be added to next AGM agenda.</p> <p>b. Rule 4.14 – Non-voting member of borough councilor (RA)</p> <p>Extensive discussion to amend rule 4.14 which prevents EEBC employees or persons holding a political role/position (i.e. Councillors) from committee membership.</p> <p>It was proposed that while the WERS committee is rebuilding its numbers the current Woodcote RA councilors be allowed committee membership in a non-voting capacity.</p> <p>Options were discussed from the floor and it was proposed and supported to suspend this rule and to review again at next AGM.</p> <p>The rule was suspended and will be on agenda for next AGM.</p> <p>c. Review of numbers required for quorum</p> <p>Currently W(E)RS rules require 5 members present in good standing to form a quorum. It was asked that we relax that number to 3 given our low committee member numbers.</p> <p>This request was proposed and supported by members present.</p>	

The rule is amended to 3 members in good standing.

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Election of the committee and Hon Auditor for 2020-21

Fred Mowbray – committee member (Chair)
Cherrill Auton - Treasurer
John Mumford – committee member
Steven McCormick – non voting committee member (Secretary)

Bevis & Co appointed as Hon Auditor for 2020-21.

Several members present expressed interest in joining but would appreciate information on the roles to be filled along with estimates of time required.

Action: Provide further information on roles and estimates of time commitments and publish these on the web site.

7 **Reports from your RA Borough Councilors**

Steven provided a brief update on the EE Tree Advisory Board (EETAB) activities.
Liz provided an update, including on hospital activities.
Bernice provided an update highlighting Community and Wellbeing activities.

8 **Report from Epsom Town & Downs Surrey County Councilor**

Tina Mountain provided a verbal report.

9 **Any Other Business**

Residents expressed their opposition to the current planning applications for much higher and denser housing in the area. A brief explanation was given to the background to this, and it was agreed that a future W(E)RS meeting would provide further information on planning and national regulations

The meeting closed at 10:15pm