

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WOODCOTE (EPSOM) RESIDENTS' SOCIETY</b>  <b>MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 1930 HOURS IN ST MARTIN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL MAIN HALL AND BY ZOOM</b></p>		
AGENDA NUMBER	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	ACTION
1.	<p><b>PRESENT:</b></p> <p><b>Committee Members</b> - Cherrill Auton (CA) Jane Clarke (JC) (by Zoom) Fred Mowbray (FM) John Mumford (JM) Bernard Woolfe (BM)</p> <p><b>Councillors</b> - Bernice Froud (BF) Liz Frost (LF) and Steven McCormick</p> <p>and local Woodcote Ward Residents in person and by Zoom.</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Elizabeth Legg (Ward Resident)</p>	
2.	<p><b>PRESENTATIONS</b></p> <p>The meeting started with an informative introduction from Louise Curd, (LC) Publicity and Fundraising Manager at Citizens Advice Epsom &amp; Ewell on their work in the Borough.</p> <p>This was followed by a presentation by Aurelie Yahiaoui (AY) from Sustainable Epsom &amp; Ewell who spoke about new legislation, their current campaigns, the main strands of the Mums for Lungs work. She emphasised in response to questions from residents in the room about the Schools' Project that the aim was to make space for children, pedestrians, older residents, and cyclists to access safer and healthier streets by reducing, not banning, traffic. It was agreed that improving public transport would be key to achieving this.</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2021 BY ZOOM</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting were approved as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021</b></p> <p>Cherrill Auton (CA) presented the audited accounts for 2021. The meeting noted the financial position as at the end of December 2021 and approved the accounts as a true and fair statement. There were no questions.</p> <p>The Chair thanked CA for her work on behalf of the Committee as Treasurer.</p>	
5.	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORARY AUDITOR FOR 2022/2023</b></p> <p>The meeting approved the re-appointment of Beavis and Co as the Honorary Treasurer for 2022/2023.</p>	

6.	<p><b>ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WOODCOTE(EPSOM) RESIDENTS' SOCIETY FOR 2022</b></p> <p>Cherrill Auton (CA) Jane Clarke (JC), Fred Mowbray (FM), John Mumford (JM) and Bernard Woolfe (BW) were appointed Committee Members for 2022.</p> <p>Any residents who would like information about becoming a Committee Member or standing as a Councillor were invited to speak to the Chair at the end of the meeting.</p>	
7.	<p><b>CHAIRS REPORT</b></p> <p>In his report on the activities of the Committee over the past twelve months, the Chair gave special thanks to John Mumford (JM) for all the work he had led in putting together the Committee's response to the Guild "Later Living" planning application and appeal.</p>	
8.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM YOUR RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>Bernice Froud (BF) provided a written report on her activities over the past 12 months and highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-she was in contact with local police about her current concerns about drinks spiking in the Borough's night-economy. She reported that the police were working with the venues to train those on the doors and to make the venues unattractive to spikers.</li> <li>-her recent visit to the Sefton Road Community Centre and how reassured she was by the high quality of the facilities and services being provided for our vulnerable residents.</li> </ul> <p>Steven McCormick (SM) reported that he had been elected in May 2021 Surrey Council Councillor for Epsom Town and Downs and that he was serving on the Resources and Performance Select Committee and was Vice Chair of the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee.</p> <p>SM also confirmed that as an Epsom and Ewell Borough Councillor he served on the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators and was Vice Chair of both the Planning Committee and the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee.</p> <p>He reassured residents that the backlog with planning applications was being addressed and the delays were being reduced. There was discussion about some of the more controversial applications over the past 12 months and SM was asked to make sure that the disused buildings on the Epsom Hospital site were made safe. SM also reported changes to the powers of the Local Committee in respect of highways and car parking. It was noted that it was very early days for this change but that the main concern was about the budget allocated for that work and whether it would be reduced over time.</p>	

	<p>SM reported that work on the local plan was continuing in a diligent and intelligent way. He emphasised how important the plan was to the shape of the Borough going forward.</p> <p>SM also highlighted the Boundary Review Final Consultation had been published that week and drew attention to the changes relevant to Epsom and Ewell.</p> <p>The Chair clarified that the proposal to change the name of the Ward had been put forward by the three Borough Councillors and the Committee would be consulting members of the Ward over the next few weeks in time to submit their views to the Boundary Commission.</p> <p>Liz Frost (LF) gave her report. She talked about the impact of the pandemic on Council business and ways of working. It was noted that more residents had observed Council meeting when on-line and LF confirmed that meetings would continue to be livestreamed.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the process for dealing with individual issues while the Council staff had been working remotely. It was noted that the Town Hall had now re-opened although residents were encouraged to check the opening hours. If any residents had not received a response to an enquiry they had made LF asked them to email the contact centre and copy in their Councillor.</p> <p>It was also noted that the workload of the police had increased significantly during the pandemic. She reported that she had attended a drop-in session that the Police had held in the Town Hall Car Park. A resident at the meeting expressed concerns about not having a local police station/centre which was open out-of-office. In response LF emphasised that the co-location of the Police in the Council Offices had resulted in much closer working and improved communications.</p> <p>LF also reported that there had been a major re-structuring of the Council which had led some important staff changes and had meant that a lot of the work of the Standards Committee had been paused as a result. It had now been restarted.</p> <p>In closing LF updated the meeting on the latest position on the Multi-Storey Car Park on the Dorking Road.</p>	
9.	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>No other business was raised.</p>	
10.	<p><b>The meeting closed at 20:40</b></p>	