



EFFINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting and Public Meeting held in St. Lawrence Church Hall on 18th April 2016

Present: approx. 50 residents

1.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1.1 Minutes of 2015 AGM: approved. Proposed: Vivien White Seconded: Howard Manton

It was agreed that in future the draft minutes of the AGM will be posted on the website shortly after the AGM.

1.2 Matters arising: none.

1.3 Chairman's report: the report was published and distributed to all, households before the meeting. Chris Dick, chairman, thanked the committee for their work over the year. He reported that Liz Hogger, Borough Councillor, had resigned earlier in the year but expressed the hope that this will be temporary.

Paula Moss asked why Liz Hogger had not been invited to speak at the AGM. Chris Dick stated that as a resident of Effingham she was fully entitled to attend and speak at the AGM. No apology for absence had been received by the Hon. Sec.

Tony Jones asked why EFFRA committee had objected to the Operas House application at W.Horsley Place. David King explained that in the Committee's view, the application was not compatible with NPPF policy and guidelines in that the site is right in the Green Belt and that exceptional circumstances for overriding those policies were not convincing. The application was refused by GBC on the same grounds.

1.4 Treasurer's report: the accounts were distributed prior to the start of the AGM. There were no comments and the accounts were passed. Proposer: James Brennan Seconder: Ian Symes

1.5 Election of Hon. Sec.: David King was willing to continue; there were no other nominations. Proposer: James Brennan Seconder: Harry Clarke.

1.6 Election of Hon. Treasurer: Juliet Newton-Smith was willing to continue; there were no other nominations. Proposer: Howard Manton Seconder: Tony Jones



1.10 Proposed changes to the Constitution (brought forward to proceed election of Committee):

Following discussion, it was agreed:

- Decisions made following email consultation by the Committee should be recorded in the minutes of the next committee meeting following
- It was pointed out that by using email, given that some committee members work, fuller input is obtained than by simply relying on a quorum

The over whelming majority voted in favour of the changes, with 4 against and 4 abstentions (what weak-knee'd, lilly-livered folks there are!)

[Chris Bell made some comments of which the writer heard not one word]

1.7 Election of committee: the following members were elected en bloc:

Chris Dick, James Brennan, Howard Manton, Roland McKinney, Kay Palmer, Ian Smith, James Wetenhall, Vivien White. Proposer: James Nicholls Seconder: Ian Symes

1.8 Election of Road Wardens: The Wardens were elected en bloc. Proposer: Harry Clarke
Seconder: Howard Manton

1.9 Election of Examiner: Roy Donovan was willing to continue. Proposer: David King Seconder: Barbara Henry

1.10 (see above)

1.11 Any other business: none

2.0 PUBLIC MEETING

2.1 Planning report and issues

- **Berkeley Homes/ Howard application:** no comment
- **Neighbourhood Plan (NP):** EPC meeting to be held at KGV on 19-4-16 to discuss latest draft
- **Wisley Airfield:** application refused. Guest speaker to give full information
- **GBC Local Plan:** in response to a question, Vivien White confirmed that the recently issued new draft LP named 3 sites for development in Effingham for 43 homes, namely:
 - Orchard Walls, Beech avenue 5 homes
 - Church Street field 22 homes
 - The Barn, The Street 16 homes

Effingham Lodge Farm, under the “traffic light” system for potential development has been given a **RED LIGHT**.



2.2 Any Other Business

2.2.1 Following criticism from Paula Moss, it was pointed out that EFFRA not only issues 3 newsletters p.a., but also has an active website which is updated on virtually a daily basis. Graham White spoke in support of EFFRA countering Paula Moss' criticism.

2.2.2 Cliff Hackett suggested that EFFRA should have a membership subscription and thus defined members. David King responded that EFFRA had jettisoned such an unwieldy system some years ago in favour of the fully inclusive membership for all residents of Effingham over the age of 18 years in the current Constitution. There was no support for Cliff's suggestion.

SUMMARY OF TALK ON WISLEY AIRFIELD by Helen Jeffries (Wisley Action Group)

The application re. Wisley Airfield for around 2,100 homes, new school etc., was unanimously refused by GBC in April 2016 on 14 counts, including:

- Objection from Highways England because M25/A3 junction (J10) is a severe problem (second most difficult in UK). The application failed to address its impact on J10.
- Air quality issues.
- Cramped density of housing, higher than Guildford and nearly as high as Islington.
- Bus service proposed did not stack up
- The Ockham/Wisley SPA is protected by both EU and UK laws. Developer proposed a SANG (Site of Alternative Natural Greenspace) to alleviate this issue. The earmarked site is that proposed by SCC for their waste treatment plant and SCC refused it.
- The whole site is in the Green Belt, but GBC are proposing to take it out of the Green Belt in the revised GBC Local Plan, despite the fact that many of the 14 objections to the Planning Application still apply.

RHS Wisley have lodged an application for a Science Building on the hill and expect an extra half million visitors p.a.

Berkeley homes were offered the Wisley site but turned it down.

The meeting closed at approx. 20.30 hrs. after which those present socialised with wine and nibbles.

David King (Hon. Sec.)

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