

**EFFINGHAM RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
and  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Catholic Church Hall, Lower Road, Effingham on**  
**Thursday 9th May 2013 at 20.00 hrs.**  
(approx. 15 residents present)

**1.0 Public meeting (part 1)**

**1.1 Effingham local history group (ELGH)**

Chris Hogger gave an interesting, fact-filled talk on the work of ELGH.

The Group was formed in 2010. To date it has published three books and archived thousands of items, with many more to be archived.

One of their priorities is to capture 20th century Effingham orally. Twenty recorded interviews have been made, including two people born in 1880's.

Source material for local records are:

- EPC records
- St. Lawrence School log books
- Some WI records
- GBC and SCC records
- Local newspapers.

Chris then told us about some prominent residents in the large house in early 20th century, in particular Effingham House (now the Golf club) where the Thompson family lived, one of who's daughters, Beatrix, was the third wife of the well-known actor Claude Rains (he actually had six wives in all --- disgraceful!). With difficulty, relatives of some have been traced and they have provided useful data and photos.

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**2.0 Annual General Meeting 2013**

**2.1 Minutes of AGM 2011** approved. No matters arising.

**2.2 Chairman's report** Keith Walker presented his report and hard copies were distributed.

**2.3 Treasurer's report and accounts** Roy Donovan presented the accounts. The accounts were approved.

**2.4 Election of Examiner** Ivor Gillespie was appointed, proposed by Roy Donovan, seconded by Barbara Henry.

**2.5 Election of Secretary** David King was appointed, proposed by K. Walker, seconded by Frances Helps.

**2.6 Election of Treasurer** Roy Donovan was appointed, proposed by D. King, seconded by Keith Walker.

**2.7 Election of committee** All current members (Pat Bleasby, A. Hunt, Julie Iles, O. Odensi) are willing to serve for the coming year. They were appointed en bloc, proposed by Keith Walker, seconded by Barbara Henry. Liz Hogger is co-opted.

**2.8 Election of Road Wardens** The wardens are volunteers, thus do not require to be elected.

**2.9 Any other business** Keith Walker announced his retirement after very many years service for ERRA. A vote of thanks was made, proposed by Barbara Henry, seconded by David King. David King then presented a cheque as a token of ERRA's thanks.

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**3.0 Public meeting (part 2)**

**3.1 Minutes of last public meeting** Approved

**3.2 Matters arising** None

**3.3 Planning** Roy Donovan reported that there had been 20 planning applications year to date, mostly amendments and extensions. Significant items are:

- Care Home appln. ---- refused (again); applicant has 6 mths. to appeal.
- Effingham Village Plan is in early stages of being prepared
- GBC are working on a new Local Development Plan; quota is 322 homes p.a. across the borough.
- Bookham Vanguard/ MVDC are reviewing Green Belt boundaries. Sites suggested for consideration include:
  - Preston Cross Farm, Lower Road --- up to 400 homes, plus 60-80 bed Care Home Surgery and new school.
  - Hawkwood Rise/Rectory Lane, N. of Guildford Road --- 625 houses. Gleeson already have an application for 81 homes on part of this land.
  - Rolls Farm, opp. Dagenham Motors --- 70 homes.
  - Wyvenhoe Stables --- approx. 80 homes.
  - SCC yard, Chalk Lane --- no. not known.
  - Other sites, including Equestrian Centre, Dorking Road.

There has also been rumours of housing or new Howard School on Pinetree Van Der Berg site, Lower Road.

**3.4 Any other business** None.

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D. J. King (May 2013)