



## EFFINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in St. Lawrence Church Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 19.45

About 80 residents and visitors attended.

### 1. Minutes of 2023 AGM

These were approved; proposed by Harry Clarke; seconded by Diane Poole.

### 2. Matters arising

None not covered by agenda.

### 3. Chairman's report

The report was set out in the recent Newsletter. Vivien White mentioned the forthcoming litter picks as well as the Heritage Open day in September.

The Chairman thanked the Committee and road wardens for their support during the last year.

### 4. Treasurer's report

Juliet Newton Smith confirmed the figures circulated at the Meeting: balance in current account £2,083; balance in deposit account £4,354. Income received mainly from donations from businesses advertising on the website, together with donations from residents and proceeds from the book written by Vivien White about Sir Barnes Wallis "*Not Just Bouncing Bombs! The Life and Career of Sir Barnes Wallis*" published by EFFRA. Juliet said she was not standing again as Treasurer as she had moved out of Effingham but had enjoyed her ten years as Treasurer. Vivien White expressed EFFRA's thanks to Juliet for her excellent work and support and said she would be missed. David King as EFFRA's President presented Juliet with flowers and a card and read a farewell poem he had written.

### 5. Election of Hon. Secretary

There had been no nominations for Honorary Secretary..... anyone interested in this position should contact the Chairman.

**6. Election of Hon. Treasurer**

Phillipa Birk has agreed to stand for election; there were no other nominations. Proposed by Paula Moss and seconded by David King. Phillipa was elected.

**7. Election of Committee**

The existing Committee agreed to stand and was re-elected; proposed by Jenny King and seconded by Lois Driscoll.

**8. Election of Road Wardens**

The existing road wardens were re-elected; proposed by Diane Poole and seconded by Harry Clarke.

**9. Election of Examiner**

Roy Donovan had kindly agreed to continue in this role and was re-elected; proposed by Juliet Newton Smith and seconded by Jenny King.

**10. Any other business**

David King drew residents' attention to the recent Mole Valley Planning Application MO/2024/0096 for over 200 houses at Preston Farm in Little Bookham on the Effingham boundary and close to the over 400 agreed for Effingham. He felt the site was inappropriate and would worsen traffic congestion. He hoped EFFRA, the Parish Council and many residents would object to it.

The Meeting closed at 20.10 and was followed by an illustrated talk entitled "Digging Roman and Saxon Effingham" by Les Capon, a Project Manager at AOC Archaeology. This covered the recent excavations at the Church Street Field Site.