



The Knowle Society

Established to maintain the character of the Village

Minutes of a Special General Meeting held on 25th November 2002 at the Village Hall.

Present: The Chairman (P.L.Ellis) and 44 members.

The Special General Meeting was called to ratify amendments to Clauses 6,7, & 8 of the Constitution. (Available on request)

The Chairman put each amendment, with a brief explanation, and all were carried, nem con.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th November 2002 at the Village Hall.

Present: Mr P.L.Ellis (Chairman) and 44 members.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Cllrs Holl-Allen and Blake and 8 members.

Minutes of the previous AGM: The Minutes of the AGM held on 19th November 2001 were approved.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reflected on a busy year. In addition to the usual activities the Society was heavily involved in the Jubilee Celebrations and also organised the Society's 40th anniversary celebrations. He thanked all members who had contributed to the work of the Society and the Ward Councillors for their support and co-operation.

The Chairman also paid tribute to three long standing members, Ted Walden, Bob Gaukroger and Jack Brook, who had died during the year.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts which were approved by the membership. Unusually, the balance sheet showed a deficit this year of £2433.00, which was virtually equivalent to the expenditure on the Millennium Sign.

It was agreed that the annual subscription for 2002 - 2003 should remain unchanged.

There was discussion on the merits of increasing the subscriptions and encouraging payment by standing order. The Executive Committee was requested to examine the issue.

Election of Officers and Committee Members:

The following elections were duly made:-

President - Dr R.J.Bower
Chairman - P.L.Ellis
Deputy- Chairman - Mrs E.S.Warner
Secretary - C.H.Smith
Treasurer - Mrs S.V.Lea

Executive Committee Members - W.A.Birch, D.J.Bower, L.Edwards,
A.J.C.Emsden, Dr P.H.Morton.

Hon. Auditor - A Chadwick

A.O.B.: Cllr L.W.Kyles congratulated the Society on a successful year's activities and thanked the Society for its fruitful co-operation with the Councillors and the Officers of the Council.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50pm.



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Notes on Reports following the AGM on 25th November 2002

Sub - Committee Chairmen gave updates on the reports which had been published in the latest edition of the Newsletter.

Planning - Ken Richards

Ken Richards thanked his S/C members and reported a new proposal for a telecommunications mast situated among trees, in Hampton Rd. He was unable to offer any information on the Parkridge development, on the Warwick Rd., which appeared to be at a standstill.

Local History - Elaine Warner

Elaine reported that the History of the Church exhibition was being created and also, that the Society now held over 6000 items in its collection.

Amenities - Gary Masters

Gary reported promised improvements to road junctions and street furniture in central Knowle and developments in the park. He also urged members to respond to the Airport development consultation by 30th November.

Questions were raised about the availability of waste bins in the area. Gary agreed to investigate the matter.

Meetings & Social - Sandra Lea

Sandra reported that the Christmas Tree is now illuminated. In support of the Parish Church's theme of World Vision for their 600th centenary celebrations, donations will be received at the January General Meeting.

Sandra thanked everyone who had assisted in the year's activities.

Walks

A report from Leighton Jones was read referring to successful walks in 2002 and announcing that four walks had been arranged for 2003.

Nature Conservation - Stella Jarman

Stella indicated that the Jubilee Trees plantation was developing well but severe weather had brought down a 60ft Tree of Heaven at Milverton House. She is working with Council officers to tackle tree problems in the area.

Website - David Bower

David had the website available for inspection. He commended the website as a useful way for anyone to get to know about the Society.

Public Conveniences

In reponse to a letter from John Jarman, the Amenities S/C and Cllr Kyles agreed to look into the need for more and cleaner public conveniences in Knowle.

Dr Bower's 40th Anniversary Speech

Gary Masters agreed to make available a copy of the speech for anyone interested.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.