



MINUTES of the 38th Annual General Meeting held on 8th April 2019

The LRA Executive Committee wish to thank Loughton Cricket Club for the use of its premises to hold their AGM. The AGM was preceded by an interesting and enjoyable talk by Chris Pond on old Loughton. It was attended by 63 LRA members and 5 non-members. 41 members and 2 non-members attended the AGM.

Chairman: David Wixley

Minutes: Susan Creevy

1. Apologies

Jill Angold-Stephens, Rebecca Fricker, Josephine Gilbert, Jayna Jogia, Adam Omer, Michael Owen

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 19th April 2018 were proposed by David Wixley and accepted as a true record by the Meeting.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Presentation of Annual Accounts

Miriam Murphy, Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts which show a healthy balance. Chris Pond proposed and Ron Heath seconded the accounts' acceptance. The accounts were accepted by the Meeting. Chris Pond said that the assets would be reduced next year due to expenditure on elections and legal advice on pursuing the LRA's views on the Local Plan.

5. Endorsement of candidates for elections

The Motion: in the event of a by-election(s) before the next AGM of the Association, the Executive Committee is hereby authorised to select such candidate(s) to the list as the Committee sees fit. The Motion was proposed by David Wixley and agreed by the Meeting.

Note: as there are no Council elections in Loughton in May 2019, there are no candidates to endorse this time.

6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2019/20

6 Committee Members and 4 Elected Officers were nominated for election en bloc. Duncan Creevy proposed the motion, seconded by Chris Pond and agreed by the Meeting.

Josephine Gilbert is the new Membership Secretary. Juliet Pollard, the previous Membership Secretary for 20 years, will continue to be a Committee member. David Wixley thanked her for her valued, long and considerable contribution in this role.

Post	Elected
Elected Officers	
Loughton Life Editor	Eva Blasco
Minutes Secretary	Susan Creevy
Membership Secretary	Josephine Gilbert
Treasurer	Miriam Murphy

Elected Committee Members	
Committee 1	Michael Benbow
Committee 2	Steve Eaton
Committee 3	Lance Leonard
Committee 4	George Meltzer
Committee 5	Chidi Nweke
Committee 6	Juliet Pollard

7. Re-election of James Grier as Independent Examiner

James Grier was thanked for his work and his re-appointment was proposed by David Wixley and agreed by the Meeting.

8. Retiring Committee Members

David Linnell, Param Doal and Rebecca Fricker are retiring and David Wixley thanked them for their valued work.

David Wixley and Chris Pond spoke about David Linnell. He has given so much to Loughton and its people as a leader of the LRA since the 1990s. His expertise, breadth of knowledge, outstanding work and record of achievement are second to none. David's wife Angie was also thanked for her support. David Linnell said he looked forward to many more successful years for the LRA.

9. Annual Report

There were no questions on the Annual Report.

10. Any Other Business

The following questions were asked:

Ron Heath, a member, expressed his concern about an article in Loughton Life and was invited to discuss the matter after the Meeting with David Linnell. Rosemary Marx, a member, said how important it was to check accuracy.

Graham Wiskin, a member, asked about the Examination in Public of the Local Plan. Chris Pond replied and expressed the LRA's concern at the Local Plan's proposals which include building 955 new dwellings every year in the Epping Forest district.

Howard Kauffman, Chris Pond and David Wixley asked for residents to consider joining and volunteering to help. Several roles are available including membership of the Plans Group.

The Meeting closed at 9.32 PM.