

MINUTES OF THE AGM 2011

* **The meeting** was held on Wednesday 23rd February 2011 in Hayfield Village Hall. 30 members were present.

* **Apologies** were received from Fran Allen, Suzanne Allen, Susan Wyatt, Kris Lowe, Barbara Walker, Mr & Mrs Wass, Bernard and Ann Taylor. Paul Richardson, and Ann Lawrence.

* **Minutes** of the AGM 2010 were accepted unanimously.

* **The report from the Chair** highlighted our successful programme of regular events - Pro Loco, Well Dressing, River Clean and the Autumn Conservation Tidy. Additionally in 2010 we had taken part in St Matthew's Christmas Tree Festival. The Chair also announced that our nomination of Arthur Lowe for the Blue Plaque scheme had succeeded in the popular vote.

* **The Treasurer** was the next to report, thanking our regular financial sponsors, Phil Chapman who funds our website and the Parish Council and other local donors who fund the Pro Loco prizes each year. He went on to focus on the year on year loss of basic running costs against income which whittles away the bank deposit established by the Betty Strutt bequest. Suggestions were invited from the floor for a substantial annual fund raising event that would secure the long term future of the Trust. The Treasurer also thanked the auditor Mr Peter Wild. A discrepancy in the account's summary was queried by Mrs L. James. Pending investigation the Accounts were left open until the AGM in 2012 to avoid calling an EGM.

* **Election to the Committee for the year 2011/12:**

Two members, Barbara Walker and Ben Steane wished to stand down.

The Officers: Treasurer John Pope – nominated by Ann Lawrence seconded by Simon Huddleston ; Secretary Judith Lanham – nominated by Pam Gee and seconded by Anne Harris; Chair Sheila Booth – nominated by Celia Osborn seconded by Penny Pope were elected unanimously.

Committee members standing for re-election were: Suzanne Allen, Rick Binch, Kris Lowe, Celia Osborn, Penny Pope, and Susan Wyatt, nominated en bloc by Keith Wood and seconded by Simon Huddleston were elected unanimously.

There were no new nominations to the committee.

* **Matters from the Floor** brought a number of issues to the committee's attention – 1. The housing development off Swallow House Lane which the committee undertook to oppose because it would exacerbate the traffic situation on Swallow House Lane and because the design is not in keeping with the village vernacular.

2, The removal of the red box telephone service by BT where it was proposed by Judith Lanham and seconded by Valerie Richardson that our first priority should be to try to have the service restored. Failing that the Civic Trust should invest the £1 required to adopt a red box. Laurie James cautioned that we should consider the maintenance implications carefully before following the latter proposal. It was agreed to proceed with caution.

3. Collaboration with the Sustainable Hayfield Group. Members had attended the initial meetings and the committee agreed to explore further possible areas of co-operation.

* **AOB** Judith Lanham mentioned that 2012 will see the 100th anniversary of the opening of the reservoir. The Civic Trust proposed a picnic on the banks of the reservoir such as enjoyed by the ladies at the original event . Access to the filter house is not unfortunately available but suggestions were invited for what entertainments we might enjoy.

* **Close** -There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45. A talk from Kevin Dranfield followed. 'The Rivers Beneath our Feet' described the lengths to which Stockport entrepreneurs would go to secure water supplies for their mills.