

## **GHRA – Annual General Meeting**

Date : 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 10.30am Start (Finish 11.50 am)

Venue : Village Hall

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### **Minutes**

John Poulten – Chairman  
Paul Withams – Secretary  
Denys and Lindy Strich - Treasurer

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John Poulten welcomed everyone including guests :

- Cllr Robert Bucke (F&WTC)

#### **Item 1 - Apologies for absence**

- Stephen Sullivan
- Malcolm Graham
- Jeanne Large
- Sue Masters
- Sylvia Nicoll

**Item 2 - Mins from the last meeting (26<sup>th</sup> May 2012), were approved.**

**Item 3 - Matters arising from the last meeting : None**

#### **Item 4 - Treasurers Report:**

Denys Strich advised that following the decision in May 2012 for the GHRA to become dormant whilst new Officers were found, little activity had taken place in the account and subscriptions had not been collected from residents.

Notwithstanding this, 5 residents had failed to cancel their Bank Standing Order payment and had therefore contributed for 2013.

Whilst the accounts for 2012 had yet to be audited, Denys provided a summary of the finances ;

Held at Bank :	£2,779.44
Cash held	£ 37.10
<b>Total reserves :</b>	<b>£2,716.54</b>

#### **PostScript ;**

Following the successful election of GHRA Officers for 2013 (see later), subscriptions are now being collected.

**Rates are £2 per person or £4 per family.**

## **Item 6 – Election of Officers :**

**Lucy Margetts** offered her services as **Chair of GHRA.**

Lucy stressed that her day to day commitments are such that the residents would need to agree to share the load of investigating / acting on more in depth matters arising.

It was generally agreed that this was an appropriate expectation and that the role of the Chair would be to co-ordinate responses of a sub-group and act as the focal point.

**David Masters** offered his and **Malcolm Graham's** joint services as **Secretary**  
**Sandra Mooney** offered her services in typing should that be of assistance.

**Deny & Lindy Strich** offered their services as **Joint Treasurer**

All nominations were put to the members and the appointments confirmed.

It was confirmed that the Officers formed the Committee, together with the Street distributors / representatives

Various votes of thanks were given to:

- John Poulten & Paul Withams for their services as Chairman and Secretary over the past 4 years.
- To the incoming officers and the continuation of the GHRA.
- To the Editors of Village Voice Magazine (Sandra Mooney & Linda O'Reilly) for producing such an impressive publication.
- To Karen Withams for providing the refreshments (with donations going to Gingerbread Pre-School, newly registered charity based at Baker Hall, Kirby.)

## **Item 8 – AOB :**

**Dementia home :**

John Poulten and Robert Bucke provided a review of the visit made to the care home and covered:

- The quality of the build / finish.
- The parking & transport arrangements of staff and residents.
- Work undertaken to address the flooding of the road (installation of two 'balancing ponds')
- Installation of a bus stop.
- The opening date

John finished by reminding residents that the development was open to visitors most weekends – and anyone was able to take a similar tour of the facilities.



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### **Tree Pruning :**

David Masters provided details of a firm who have been appointed to prune trees from power lines.

UK Power Networks appear to have been reducing trees to ground level in preference to repeated pruning.

David and Robert Bucke have escalated the matter with the relevant authorities and believe the firm have amended their working practices.

David reminded members that unless the work relates to an immediate safety matter, residents have the right to refuse access to anyone seeking to prune trees.

Sandra Mooney requested David write an article for the Village Voice magazine, to highlight both the problem and solution.

### **Village Shop:**

It is understood that negotiations are continuing with the Post Office on whether they will support the re-installing of a full, fortress post office at the site of the Village Store. The outcome will influence the re-opening of the Village Store as it has a direct effect on its viability as a business.

### **Broadband:**

Paul Withams reminded residents that Super fast broadband is now available in Great Holland for residents on the Frinton Telephone Exchange.

Details on how to benefit from the service (up to 40 times faster than standard broadband) are available on the village website [www.greatholland.com](http://www.greatholland.com)

### **Marie Curie Donation**

John Ratcliffe thanked residents for their kind donations to the Marie Curie appeal. The sum of £150 had been raised from his annual door to door collection, an amount which Marie Curie noted was five times higher than would be expected from a road of that size.

### **The Meeting was closed at 11.50am**

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

Paul Withams  
Hon Secretary, GHRA