



Piltdown Residents Association
Annual General MEETING
Saturday 21th January 2023
MINUTES

Attendees: PR SB LC MK TB VB, apologies Alex and Ross, and attendees from Piltdown and Fletching.

1. Welcome: Peter Roundell

PR started the AGM by outlining the history of the PRA, more than 17 projects have been taken since inception. PRA originated from PAAL (Piltdown Action Against Land fill/Land raise), led by Robert White. RW outlined several of the projects:

- 1a. Neighbourhood watch and Farm watch started and became the Piltdown Community WhatsApp group.
- 1b. Road markings on the bus stop on the layby made it a lot safer for visibility.
- 1c. Flood signs were erected and SLOW signs by the Piltdown Pond.
- 1d. A speed survey was commissioned which cost £1,000 with East Sussex County Council, on Golf Club Lane and Sharpsbridge Lane.
- 1e. Erection of Village Gates, finalisation of signage with ESCC to be completed.
- 1f. Footpaths were walked in Piltdown to make sure they were usable and signs were erected.
- 1g. Fast Broadband has also been addressed for those who do not live on the A272.
- 1h. Litter campaigns have taken place twice a year, run by RW.
- 1i. Many social events have also been organised from Dog Shows to dinners with quizzes.

2. Election of Officers and Committee:

The following were proposed and elected by a show of hands:-

Chair - Peter Roundell

Vice-Chair - Sandy Bone

Secretary - Trishia Blewitt (Pro-tem)

Treasurer - Trishia Blewitt

Committee members: Vivienne Davis, Lizzy Coleman, Maggie Kay.

3. Reports:

Chair: PR began his reports with thanks to Jo Emerson, for her contribution to PRA and held the post of secretary. Thanks were also made to Wayne Emerson who contributed his help and assistance to the Boundary Commission and also created the website: piltdown.org. Nigel Kay was thanked for his former work as treasurer along with MK and TB who had set up and run Community Speedwatch for 4 years. PR then thanked Helen Metcalf for taking over Speedwatch. PR also gave his thanks to Ross Borton and Alex Lee for their help and assistance on the EC. PR

commented on the Activities on the Speed Reduction Group that had been organised by Amanda Abraham culminating with a petition recently heard by ESCC for speed reductions on the A272 and other lanes in Piltdown, as well as improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists. PR complimented Amanda on her tenacity and she nodded in response.

Vice-Chair: SB spoke about the successful Spring Dinner at the Piltdown Man, March 2022. She suggested that a dog coffee morning (owners welcome) could be organised in her garden as a future event. The Spring dinner to be held in Friday 10th March at Piltdown Golf Club.

Treasurer: TB presented the annual figures:

BANK SUMMARY DETAILS	
Opening balance January 2022	£1,592.36
Closing Balance December 2022	£1,198.05
BALANCE	-£394.31
INCOME YEAR 2022	£1,790.00
EXPENDITURE YEAR 2022	£2,184.31
EXAMPLE OF OUTGOINGS:	
BANK CHARGES	£67.47
INSURANCE SOCIAL EVENTS + GATES	£330.00
GARDENER FOR THE TRIANGLE	£140.00
WEBSITE Hosting and renewal	£144.83
INCOME	
SPRING DINNER AT THE PILTDOWN MAN (PROFIT INCLUDING RAFFLE)	£460.00

Speedwatch: Helen Metcalf stated that due to the weather, it has not run for a couple of months. She is in contact with Gaby Patterson-Griggs, the clerk to Fletching Parish Council, about a contribution towards a new radar gun. There are 15 volunteers at present but not all of them are helping out. More volunteers from Fletching would be much appreciated.

4. Changes to the Constitution.

PR outlined the history and gave a brief summary of the changes in the revision to the Constitution, the draft having been posted on the website for the AGM. When PRA was formed in 2014, a Constitution was needed to create formally the identity and to enable getting a Bank Account, and had not been revised since inception. Flaws had been identified relative to the way PRA now worked, so a complete revision was proposed to update and reflect the current and future operation of the Association.

The main changes being as follows:--

Proposal to add “and Friends” to the name of the Association, to widen to include previous residents who had moved away, and enable the EC to consider and agree certain special cases for Membership.

- To introduce a category of “Registered Membership” enabling rights to vote at

AGM's and SGM's, and to introduce the ability to charge an initial registration fee and then annual renewal fee, to assist in meeting the annual running costs of the Association (eg Insurance, Website, Bank A/C) as can be seen in the Treasurer's Report. Also to facilitate communication with the Membership.

After a discussion on several aspects, the draft was agreed by a majority show of hands, with one or two minor clarifications.

5. **Events:** The Spring Dinner at the Golf club on Friday 10th March was discussed and it appeared to be agreed that it was a good idea.
6. **AOB** The meeting ended with no further discussion.