

MOORPOOL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27TH JANUARY 2019
MINUTES

1. **Apologies** were received from Mike Frost, Norma Mason and Beryl Beavis.
2. **Election of Chair.** The Secretary stated that Sal Bourner was willing to continue in office for another year but invited other nominations, None was forthcoming and Sal was therefore elected unopposed. Sal stated however that this would be her final year in office
3. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 28th January 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the reference to Sarah Green, being changed to Sarah Copley
4. **Review of 2018.** Sal referred to the aims that had been set out at the beginning of the year and explained how they had been achieved.
 - a) Six issues had been published of The Duck and a copy of each had been delivered to every household on the estate. The new format had received widespread approval and it was stated that the costs were shared evenly between the Residents Association, The Trust, and income received from the advertisers. Andrew Hackett was thanked for the considerable amount of hard work that he put in as Editor. The next issue would be No 100.
 - b) Monthly coffee mornings had been held despite the problems of flooding in the Lower Hall. Particular thanks were due to Jill, Maureen and Jenny.
 - c) The Heritage Festival had been a great success; probably the best since 2014.
 - d) The very well attended Carol Walk event had been held in the Large Hall because of the inclement weather and it was suggested that this pattern be adopted in the future. This was agreed.
 - e) MRA had continued its policy of providing financial support to The Trust. In 2018 a donation of £1000 had been made as a contribution towards the refurbishment of the Large Hall toilets This followed donations of the same amount in 2017 (kitchen refurbishment) and 2016 (Nettlefold Garden)
 - f) Wherever possible, MRA had continued its policy of liaising with residents over matters of local concern. Particular thanks were due to Sarah Hanson for the work she did in association with West Midlands Police, including traffic matters, Neighbourhood Watch and Street Watch.
 - g) MRA, where possible, had provided outline advice to residents on planning matters. Jenny Buchan, who had agreed to serve as a committee member would have oversight in association with the Harborne Planning Watchdog. It was stressed however, that it was the responsibility of residents to submit planning objections if they felt that there was cause so to do.
 - h) Sal committed MRA to continue its aim to extend contacts with residents and their families and wherever possible, to persuade them to join the Association as paid up members.

5. Report on Liaison work with West Midlands Police.

Sarah outlined the various activities that had taken place and gave details of participation of residents. It was hoped, through involvement in future MRA events, to bring this work to as wide an audience as possible.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Copies of the report, which again showed a healthy position, were circulated and Mike was thanked for his work. It was reported that Public Liability Insurance was no longer paid as this matter was covered by The Trust.

7. Questions and other matters raised from the floor.

- a) The welcome sight of uniformed Police/Community Liaison officers patrolling the estate was remarked upon.
- b) It was asked whether any progress had been made in connection with the restoration of the former rose bed at the top of Carless Avenue. It was stated that none had been made but that the matter would be taken up with Amey, the responsible BCC contractor.
- c) Colin reminded the meeting that the Moor Pool in Bloom event would be held on the 2nd Saturday in May and that volunteers would be required. Colin, together with all other members of MIB was thanked for the hard work that continued to make this event possible.

8. Election of Committee. Jill Howes, Maureen Mauser, Mike Frost, Mike Foster, Sarah Hanson, Jenny Buchan and John Healey were elected to serve.

9. Future events.

- a) Quiz 9th February
- b) MHT AGM 17th March
- c) Nettlefold garden volunteer day 31st March.

10. Date of 2020 AGM.

This would be on 25th January and it was agreed that the meeting be held immediately after the Coffee Morning on that day