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Minutes of Meeting held on 31st January 2017 at 8, Stewart Close, Emmer Green.

Present. Annette Fairweather (Chair), Linda Glithro, Bill Harper, Liz Lyke.

Apologies. Michael Denoon -Slater, Doffi Parkinson.

1.Minutes of the previous meeting of the Association Committee held on 7th November 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

3.2 Michael will take responsibility for the introduction of Mailchimp.

3.4 Membership forms were given to people in the precinct shops, but none returned. No further action.

7. Water Tower. The work has been satisfactorily completed.

8. Consideration of an Emmer Green fete remains under review Action Annette

14.3 Attention was drawn to the cycle route.

16.1 Work to update the web site is in hand. Action Annette

16.2 Recent Minutes need to be added to the web site. Action Bill

3. Membership

3.1 Doffi's report had been circulated. There have been 77 renewals and three new recruits. 52 reminders have been issued without much response.

3.2 Thanks were recorded to Doffi for all the effort she had put into this and the Gladman survey.

4. Recruitment

4.1 Members and volunteers are to be encouraged to find new members. Doffi and Annette

4.2 No action is to be taken about Streetlife.com in view of its limited local support.

4.3 The EGRA Facebook page seems to be achieving encouraging coverage.

5. AGM 28th March

5.1 Setting up 6.30. Doors open 7.00. Business starts 7.15. Finish 9.00

5.2 Projection Bill. Fruit juices and nibbles Liz. Name badges Liz

5.3 Police to be invited to have a presence. Annette.

5.4 Annual Report, new Constitution and Accounts to be circulated in advance.

5.5 Annette, Michael, Bill, Linda and Liz are prepared to continue.

5.6 Volunteers are required for Membership, Secretary and Planning. **Action** AMF to write to Veronica Leeke to establish if she will be standing again at the AGM for the role of Conservation and Environment. The appeal for help will not stress the role vacancies, but that we will fit tasks to

people willing to help depending on their capabilities. Some roles need not entail Committee membership.

5.7 The speaker has been confirmed. It will be good to have pictures with the talk. Linda/Bill. It will be fine to have copies on sale of the book that will be featured.

6. Constitution

Anette had drafted a new constitution based on best practice elsewhere. It was agreed that this would go forward to the AGM for adoption.

7. Recreation Ground

7.1 The tree planting and wood carving event had been arranged for 11th February. Posters had been put up.

7.2 Refreshments will be served next to the changing room. Liz will bring most of the requirements for tea, coffee, etc. but Committee members are asked to bring fresh water in appropriate containers. Liz was thanked for taking this on.

7.3 Linda will make contact with the Borough representative with a view to preparing a report to be used for publicity.

8. Courtenay Drive Phone Box

BT will only transfer ownership to an established public body or charity, which rules out EGRA. Veronica had approached St Barnabas to see if the Church (as a charity) would be prepared to take ownership.

9. Treasurer

Bill submitted the transaction records for the year. Since the last meeting there has been subscription income of £345, and spending on the Gladman survey, the newsletter and the tree guards. The higher than usual level of spending on projects in the year meant that the balance in hand had been reduced to £1152. Spending proposals will need to be carefully considered in future since a reasonable balance should be maintained.

10. Planning

10.1 Permission for 90 houses off the Lower Henley Road had been refused.

10.2 RBC had objected to the Gladman development proposal.

10.2 The next CAGE meeting will be on 13th February. Committee members are entitled to attend.

10.3 The SODC Planning Committee is due to meet on 1st March.

11. Feedback from Groups

11.1 Patients Group. Margaret had produced a report on the last meeting. It was agreed that details would be sent to members about a public meeting planned for 24th March looking at "End of Life" issues.

11.2 NAG. Due to limitations being placed on the public body representation, Annette had agreed to be Co-Chair. She reported on the recent meeting, the notes of which will be circulated.

11.3 EVAs. These are to cease in March as the result of budget restrictions. Possible alternatives are being examined.

12. Annual Visit

There are no obvious destinations for a visit in 2017. Members will be asked for ideas at the AGM.

13. Inventory

A record is needed of items owned by EGRA. Action Annette

14. Next Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30 with Linda at 3, Phillimore Road, 8UR.