

**MINUTES OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE MARLOW BOTTOM VALLEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2004
AT THE MARLOW BOTTOM VILLAGE HALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Jedras – Chairman
Marshall Lawton – Treasurer
Steve Tilbury – Secretary
Chas Snare – Planning
Jennie Browning
Peter Crane
Beverley Tilbury
Mike Williams
Patrick Thomas
Robin St.John Smith
Michael Sloane

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Paul Kay
Anne Shave
Carole Pappin
Stephen Fox
Steve Woodbridge
Philip Kirkley

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 34th AGM were agreed and signed as a true record.
Proposed by Marshall Lawton, and seconded by Beverley Tilbury.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising on the night.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was presented as a separate report and a copy is filed with the Minutes in the record book. The Chairman thanked the present and outgoing committee members for giving their time to the Association.

Adoption of the Chairman's report was proposed by Steve Tilbury, and seconded by Chas Snare.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer, Marshall Lawton presented the accounts for the year 2003/2004 to the meeting, and a copy will be filed in the record book. Treasurer thanked Anne Shave for her continued excellent efforts in collecting all outstanding monies owed to the Valley News. The Valley News again continues to be a profit centre worth continuing with. Those present put no questions forward. Chairman also voiced his thanks for Anne Shave's tireless efforts.

Adoption of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Steve Tilbury and seconded by Beverley Tilbury.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Residents Association still has no active Membership Secretary, and so it had not proven possible to contact any new residents now living in the valley. On the evening of the AGM no new persons sought to join the MBVRA. Chairman Alan Jedras commented that we were actually at capacity, and in any event, any new member wishing to join would have to be placed on a waiting list until a slot became available.

Carole Pappin requested by proxy to have her formal resignation accepted, Chairman to contact Carole to clarify wishes in due course.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Officer Chas Snare presented the Planning Report. Aside from minor applications there was nothing extraordinary to report. Ongoing planning applications are still being monitored. A copy will be filed in the record book.

Steve Tilbury proposed the adoption of the Planning Report, and Beverley Tilbury seconded the motion.

ELECTION of OFFICERS and OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank all of the Committee members for their hard work throughout the past months.

The following were re-elected to the Committee

Alan Jedras was re-elected as Chairman proposed by Malcolm Blanksby, seconded by Beverley Tilbury

Marshall Lawton was re-elected as Treasurer, proposed by Patrick Thomas, seconded by Beverley Tilbury

Steve Tilbury was re-elected as Secretary, proposed by Marshall Lawton, seconded by Patrick Thomas

Chas Snare was re-elected as Planning Officer, proposed by Chairman, seconded by Beverley Tilbury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Owing to the high non-attendance of Committee members due to other engagements, it was proposed to re-elect standing members at the next MBVRA meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member of the public asked of Chas Snare what the laws were regarding the felling and removal of trees in the valley area. Councillor Malcolm Blanksby was kind enough to give an informative overview of the rules and regulations pertaining to an area of natural beauty, and where it was possible to obtain further information from the local council offices.

Mrs Linda Sloane requested that her name be removed from the Committee members listing.

A member of the public raised the issue of inconsiderate dog owners allowing the pets to continuously foul the parcel of woodland on the corner of Badgers Way. It was agreed by the Committee to investigate and to take urgent steps to help raise awareness and to involve Wycombe District Council's Dog Warden in an effort to help curb the problem. Notices could be posted to highlight the illegality of the problem. Councillor Blanksby remarked that he would endeavour to contact the relevant council persons to bring it to their attention.

At the conclusion of the AGM the Chairman introduced our guest speaker, Captain Terry Eglinton of the Chiltern Air Support Unit. Refreshments were served whilst Captain Eglinton prepared his display equipment. Captain Eglinton then kindly presented an entertaining and informative presentation on the vital work that the Chiltern Air Support Team provides to the county. The above presentation took approximately 60 minutes to conclude, and there were 27 persons present in total.

After the splendid presentation, which evoked many questions from those present, the Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Captain Eglinton and to all those involved. The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____