

**MINUTES OF THE 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE MARLOW BOTTOM VALLEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2003
AT THE MARLOW BOTTOM VILLAGE HALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Jedras – Chairman
Marshall Lawton – Treasurer
Steve Tilbury – Secretary
Chas Snare - Planning
Steve Woodbridge
Peter Borrows
Beverley Tilbury
Mike Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Paul Kay
Anne Shave
George Shave

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 33rd AGM were agreed and signed as a true record.
Proposed by Peter Borrows, and seconded by Beverley Tilbury.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising on the night.

CHAIRMANS 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 Peter Borrows, and seconded by Chas Snare.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer, Marshall Lawton presented the accounts for the year 2002/2003 to the meeting, and a copy will be filed in the record book. Treasurer thanked Anne Shave for her excellent efforts in collecting all outstanding monies owed to the Valley News. An amount totalling £120.00 was donated to the Woodland Trust, this being the surplus collected for

Kimbers Copse during 2002 by the MBVRA. Those present put no questions forward.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Residents Association currently has no active Membership Secretary, and so it had not proven possible to contact any new residents in the valley. However, on the evening of the AGM, five persons present sought to join the MBVRA; Robin St.John Smith, Patrick Thomas, Stephen Fox, Michael and Linda Sloane.

Jenny Trumble has decided to step down from the Committee due to pressure of time, the Chairman thanked her for her past efforts. Jon Taylor was also thanked in his absence for his past endeavours as Planning Officer. Jon resigned from the Committee some weeks ago, again citing pressure of time as the primary reason for wishing to step down.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Officer Chas Snare presented the Planning Report. Aside from minor applications there was nothing out of the ordinary to report. The proposed re-development of the Rose Industrial Estate had died away, and aside from an application to open a takeaway, which was refused, nothing much occurred in the year. Approximately 52 applications were monitored, and the Residents Association objected to a total of 2. A copy will be filed in the record book.

Diane Lawton 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 elected to the Committee

Alan Jedras was re-elected as Chairman
Marshall Lawton was re-elected as Treasurer
Steve Tilbury was re-elected as Secretary
Chas Snare was re-elected as Planning Officer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Kay, Peter Borrowes, Beverley Tilbury, Carole Pappin, Mike Williams & Steve Woodbridge were all re-elected as members of the Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Williams requested that a formal note of thanks be recorded to Carole Sullivan for her efforts re the Earthwatch project. Mike also remarked that local resident Roxy Grimshaw was organising another "Open Gardens" day in July this year, which helped to raise some £700.00 last year for The Woodland Trust and another local charity.

Alan Jedras suggested that crocuses be added in under the Valley entrance sign for next year, to compliment the splendid show of daffodils already present.

Peter Borrows commented on the proposed re-opening of High Heavens as a green waste disposal site, and remarked that he felt the probability was very slim. A mention of thanks was proposed to Alan Jedras for his efforts over the past year. Peter also mentioned that there were possible changes to the planning laws, which could restrict opportunity's to object to proposals. The Residents Association must be ever vigilant in watching out for the Valley and surrounding area.

Stephen Fox enquired about the rumour of speed humps on the Valley bottom road. Alan Jedras confirmed that as far as he was aware the Council had considered this area a low priority for the humps as there had been very few incidents to warrant their introduction. Mike Williams remarked that there was a likelihood of the Parish Council hiring a speed camera / warning display, which measured your speed and either, displayed a grimace or a smile depending on your recorded speed. This being one way to bring to your attention the necessity to keep speed down in our Valley.

At the conclusion of the AGM the Chairman introduced our guest speaker, Mr John Smithson of the Wycombe Film Society. Mr Smithson kindly presented archival film of High Wycombe from the Queen's Golden Jubilee Year. Refreshments were served whilst Mr Smithson prepared his equipment.

The above meeting took approximately 40 minutes to conclude, and there were 26 persons present in total.

After the excellent film showing, the Chairman gave a vote of thanks to all those involved. The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____