

Joel Park Residents' Association  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
8pm at The Dog and Duck, Emmbrook

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Steve Sansom (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Joanne Parker and James Main (Emmbrook Place representatives) to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Kate Benson, Gill Lowe and Sue Clubley.

Steve also welcomed 3 PCSOs – Kerri Williams, Ben Howarth and Stuart Cunningham. Kerri and Ben are responsible for Emmbrook and Woosehill and Stuart will be covering the Norreys area.

**2. PCSOs**

The area is one of the safest in Wokingham with relatively little crime but there is an increase in burglaries over the winter months. The PCSOs welcome contact from the public as the area covered is very wide and they are not always aware of all problems.

The PCSOs are keen to build up relationships with local community organisations and the local schools. They have a good working relationship with the head of safeguarding at Emmbrook School.

They can be contacted via the email below:

[winnershNHPT@thamesvalley.police.pnn.uk](mailto:winnershNHPT@thamesvalley.police.pnn.uk)

This email address is not monitored all the time so should be used to pass on non-urgent intelligence and concerns. More urgent calls should be to 101 and extremely urgent calls to 999.

They stressed that contact with them is vital so they can respond to situations. They do not monitor Facebook so any issues regarding crime in the area should be sent to them via the channels itemized above.

The chair thanked the PCSOs for attending the meeting.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Thanks were given to the committee members for all their hard work, the residents for their support and to the landlord and staff at The Dog and Duck for hosting the AGM.

The Chairman then gave an overview of the year which is summarized below: Committee changes over the year. We are always on the lookout for new members and at the moment require a newsletter editor as Kate Benson is

stepping down from the role after 11 successful years. Kate was thanked for her hard work. Chris Jordan was warmly welcomed to the group as membership secretary, the post formerly held by his wife, Christina, who sadly passed away recently.

The Party in the Park and Carol Concert continue to be successful events and will continue next year. Both events attracted a large number of people with the local mayors attending the Party in the Park and St. Sebastian's Band supporting the Carol Concert. Thanks were given to The Dog and Duck for hosting the Carol Concert. We are also very fortunate to have had sponsorship from Bovis for the Carol Concert.

The committee continues to represent the residents at the various Community Forums and to liaise with other associations to ensure that issues are raised with the relevant authorities.

We have strong links with other organisations including the Emmbrook Residents' Association, the newly formed Emmbrook Gate Association and the Holt Copse Conservation Volunteers. Links have been established with the senior school to co-promote local activities and school activities so that there is more community involvement in the school.

There have been some issues with graffiti, litter and fly-tipping. Fly-tipping and graffiti can be reported to the Council. It has been suggested that we carry out a Joel Park litter pick in the spring. Concerns have been raised about the astro-turf pitch being built at the senior school and these will be raised with the headmaster. Other items mentioned were the rosebeds (now being maintained by Hedghogs gardeners, the Virgin Media box on Marks Road (now fixed) and the lights on Jubilee Avenue (now fixed).

The Emmbrook Inn is under new management.

There will be a subscriptions collection in the spring.

We no longer have a mobile phone as it was never used and the committee can be contacted through Facebook, Twitter and via email.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Bob Tizzard, Treasurer, reported that there is £1304.26 in the bank account. The reporting period has been changed to coincide with the AGM being held in November.

Mr. L Austen kindly agreed to audit the accounts for the Association.

### **4. Committee Nominations**

Steve Sansom was proposed and seconded as Chairman.  
Bob Tizzard was proposed and seconded as Treasurer.  
Anne Constable was proposed and seconded as Secretary.

**5. Questions to the Committee**

Parking on the pavements continues to cause problems. This will be highlighted in the next newsletter and on Facebook.

**6. Close**

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending and drew the meeting to a close.