

**MINUTES OF THE AGM MEETING OF ST JAMES AND BARTONSHAM  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE WRVS, VICARAGE ROAD, ON  
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2009**

**Present:** T & F Ford, C & J Shott, B Crow, P Jones, N Campbell, C Trumper, M Burns, M Hubbard, R Hattersley, B Stephens, P Towner, K Abson

**Apologies:** C Hattersley, L Pitman and J Ellis

1. **Reports.** Following the reading of the Chair's Report and Annual Accounts thanks were given to Carolyn Hattersley for preparing the accounts and for her hard work as Treasurer. She was standing down as Treasurer.

2. **Election of Officers.** It was proposed that Paul would remain in the Chair, Pamela Hughes would take over from Kate as Secretary and Kate would take over the role of Treasurer. Barbara Stephens and Liz Pitman would remain on the committee and Barbara Crow would join them. Tim Ford would remain on the Committee as JABA Editor and representatives of the various local groups and working parties would be invited to the meeting. This was all agreed by the meeting.

4. **Music Evening.** Barbara was trying to arrange a suitable date in either February or March and would inform the committee when she had done this. It was suggested that John Watson be approached to join Bandemonium and Rob Strawson to perform on the night.. It was decided that the money would be raised for Acorns charity and Barbara would enquire whether they may have a representative who could say a few words on the night. Refreshments and mulled wine would be served.

5. **Role of the Community Association Committee.** It was acknowledged that the role of the Association was changing and that organised talks and events were poorly attended and the Exec sought ideas from the meeting to direct its future role in the community. The following were ideas for the Exec to look into:

- a. Rural Media/Youth Agenda/Outreach Theatre - Youth programme.  
Help could possibly be sought from the Kindle Centre.  
Youth Inclusion Officers could be approached.  
Possible use of WRVS centre
- b. Welcome Pack - was it still needed or did JABA serve the same purpose?
- c. Running a consultation exercise ref item 6a below in the area.
- d. Flix and other sub groups seemed to working well under the umbrella of the CA.

6. **AOB.**

- a.. **Training Centre at Castle Green.** Mark Hubbard updated the meeting on the current situation. FOCG were looking into the possibility of registering the area as a

"Village Green" (including the centre) which would protect it from being sold by the council. He envisaged it being a business/social enterprise in the future, maybe obtaining Heritage Lottery funding and using disadvantaged groups to help staff it. Chris Shott wondered if the Cathedral would support the project. Paul agreed to look into this although he was sure they would not do so.

b. **Connect 2 - Rotherwas Footbridge.** Naomi Campbell enquired into the progress of this bridge. It was reported that everything was going ahead but legal issues and paperwork were slowing the process down - approx time scale 5 years.

c. **Bartonsham Farm** - it was reported that the Matthews family would not be able to renew the lease on the farm for the next generation and that Barbara and Paul were in contact with the Church Commissioners (who own the land) to monitor future plans. It was suggested that perhaps Hereford Nature Trust may be interested in using the land.

7. **CSO Emily Cooke** was present at the meeting and responded to various questions from the floor. These were mainly concerned with antisocial behaviour and underage drinking. Emily stressed that it was important for individuals to report incidents, even if fairly minor, so that a comprehensive log could be formed.

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8. The next Executive Meeting was due to be held on 3rd February.