

Oakley Green and Fifield Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5 October 2023

The Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Association's AGM was held at Braywood Memorial Hall and led by Chairperson, Barbara Frame and attended by committee members, Alison Brayshaw and Treasurer, Paula Grevett. Other Committee members Lisa Chugg, Roy Chapman and Bill Collier sent their apologies. Barbara welcomed everyone and introduced the agenda.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Paula Grevett reported that in the financial year to March 31, 2023, we made a surplus of nearly £600. We did well on social events particularly the Quiz Night and the newsletter advertising income made a difference too. However, insurance has increased.

Rod Lord asked if membership subscriptions should be increased and following a discussion it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next General Meeting in May 2024. Trish Pottinger mentioned that members get 20% off hire charges for the Memorial Hall and Sarah Grace suggested the Association could consider looking into a fundraising website where purchases made can raise money for Clubs/ Schools / Communities.

Activities of the Association: OGAFCA now holds public meetings twice a year one in May and the AGM in Autumn. The committee who welcomed new members Lisa Chugg and Roy Chapman this year meet more regularly. Currently OGAFCA has only 2 work groups Roads and Transport and Environment Group.

Communications - An OGAFCA newsletter is published and delivered 4 times a year and subscribing members only also receive regular updates by email. Also, communication updates are posted on the OGAFCA website, Facebook and via flyers. Our deliverers also help distribute the Bray Parish Newsletter twice a year.

Roads and Transport - Lisa Chugg has organised 2 Speed Watches, volunteers are welcome to join future sessions. Rod Ball commented that one of the vehicles they recorded at a recent Speed Watch was travelling at 68mph. The A308 speed reduction will now go ahead so we will campaign again for a speed reduction on the Oakley Green Rd. The Parish Council are providing a camera to record traffic data. Issues concerning Coningsby Lane and missing cats' eyes on the Oakley Green Road were raised.

Environment and Drainage - The 2 Christmas trees supplied by John Train at Braywood Memorial Hall and on the Green were kindly funded by Bray Parish Council. He also supplied the hanging baskets placed on the bus shelters in Fifield and by Braywood School.

Rod Lord addressed the group concerning current Drainage issues and the background to flooding in the area, the risks and the issues with private landowners. He ended by saying he will be stepping down from his roles with OGAFCA and hoped that someone would come forward to continue his work in both this area and Graphics for the Community Association.

Local Planning - Martin Hall from Oakley Green & Fifield Residents Association (OGFRA) was unable to be there to provide an update on Local Planning issues as he was presenting at an important meeting for AL21 North. Details of this update and the meeting are in the Autumn newsletter and on the website.

Social Events – Barbara ran through the social events organised by OGAFCA some which were a joint venture with Braywood Memorial Hall Committee.

- Easter Trail and Quiz
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party and Royal Scarecrow display
- The Fifield Fun Day
- Christmas Fair
- Remembrance Service
- Christmas Carols on the Green cancelled due to bad weather
- Christmas Walk
- Braywood House of Cards Quiz Night

Election of Director: Since the last AGM we have 2 new committee members Lisa Chugg and Roy Chapman. Bill Collier stood for re-election as a Director, and he was unanimously returned to office.

Resolutions: To increase membership subscription.

-

Fifield Fun Day 2022 : this was again a huge success. Money raised after expenses was £6400 and £5000 was donated to charities.

- Thames Valley Air Ambulance £2500
- Holyport Community Trust Playground Appeal £2500

Any other Business: None

Future: Barbara mentioned that OGAFCA will now team up more with Braywood Village Hall Committee for social events. We aim continue to increase road safety and protect the environment.

Presentation and Talk

Carolyn Mayling from Rosie's Rainbow Fund was presented with a cheque for £3000 from the Fifield Fun Day and gave a short talk on their charity.

David Jannetta from Alzheimers Dementia Support was also presented with a cheque for £3000 from the Fifield Fun Day and he gave a presentation and talk on their charity and took questions from the floor.

Thank you and Close of Meeting: Meeting closed at 8.45 pm