

USRAcic General meeting 21st February 2020 Minutes

Present

Ian Storey (Chairman)

Gordon Moore ,Georgia Moore, Wendy Roberts, John Wilkinson,

Tim Buxton, Iris Morgan

Residents of Upper Saxondale

The Chairman welcomed residents and introduced the meeting

1. Apologies

Faye Harrison and Dilly Warman.

2. Membership of USRA

The Chairman explained that in the past membership of USRA has been complicated and outlined a more simplified method(as explained in the latest newsletter) which will be introduced and hopes as many residents as possible will become members.

3. Financial Report

The Treasurer Wendy Roberts reported funds of £32,500 which includes earmarked funds for the tennis club. It was pointed out the necessity for reserves in case of major emergency maintenance on USRA land and premises.

4. Amenities Updates

Landscaping work has been carried out(as approved at the AGM in 2019) which has enhanced the communal environment of Upper Saxondale.

Thanks were given to David Burton, Paul Ashdown and team for a job well done.

David explained that he is leaving the area and that Paul is prepared to take over as lead grounds-maintenance person.

Funds have also been spent on updating of the hall.

It was suggested that there is a permanent date set aside for the winter tidy. A date of the first Sunday in December being a possibility.

There will be a survey to examine/relook at the state of the gazebos and the back road which will be discussed with David Wilson Homes.

The metal container behind the Community Hall has been painted with anti-climb paint to prevent vandals climbing on the hall roof.

Thanks were given to Wendy Roberts for her organisation of Saxonbury 2019 and her sourcing of the Christmas Tree on the land by the main notice board.

Georgia Moore reported on the possibility of Upper Saxondale becoming a Parish Council. The process is long and difficult however it will be explored as a possibility and an initial meeting with the CEO of Rushcliffe Borough Council has been arranged.

5. Events

Saxonbury 2020 June 27th 1.00pm

WR reported on arrangements for Saxonbury 2020 which this year will include a dog show.

There will be a set entrance price of £4.00 for adults and £1.00 for children over 2.

Residents help for both sponsorship of the event and help at and around the date of the event are being sought. Individuals help or a small team would be most appreciated.

Please contact Wendy at wendy@impactconnections.com

Friday Coffee Mornings

Josie Wilkinson reported on the excellent work done by a small team to provide the community with weekly coffee mornings on Fridays between 10.30 and 12.30 at the Community Hall.

Josie reported that the coffee mornings have raised over £2,000 which has gone to both Maggie's and Macmillan Cancer Support Charities and to USRA.

There will be a special coffee morning on the 27th March from which all monies raised will go to the Motor Neuron Disease Association.

Thanks go to all the team for their hard work.

History Talk

Georgia Moore reported on an illustrated History of Saxondale talk given to residents in October 2019 at the Community Hall.

The history of the hospital during and around the 1st WW was given by a group of ladies from Radcliffe and after supper Georgia covered the years after the 2ndWW up until the closure of the hospital and the building of new homes. £380.00 was raised towards USRA funds.

6. Website and Facebook

The Chairman explained that the present website is not user friendly and that a new simpler website just for notices and information is being worked on. Alongside this will be a face book page where residents can exchange views and comments.

7. Tennis Club

Tim Buxton Explained the wish of the tennis club to encourage social tennis among residents and to get families interested in the sport. Coaching for juniors will be available in the summer months. Also "tennis and coffee" mornings are being planned.

At the moment 110 people represent 70 households paying a subscription. They hope to raise funds by holding a quiz around September time.

8. Questions/AOB

- Questions were raised on the likelihood of having Traffic lights at the bottom of Saxondale Drive. Gordon Moore explained this would depend on whether new housing around that area was approved.
- The problem of dog dirt was discussed and extra dog mess signs would be put up.
- Mention was made to be careful not to leave metal items on driveways as they may be taken by scrap men. The problem should now be better as a license is required by scrap dealers thus reducing the number of unauthorised ones.

