

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Spencer Park

Monday Oct. 5th. 2015. 7.30 p.m. Albany Club

1. **Present:** Paul Smith (Chair), Karen Berry (Secretary) Helen Elias (Treasurer) , , Zilpha Reid(Committee member), Janis Firminger
2. **Welcome by Paul Smith**, Chair of the meeting.
3. **Apologies:** Tim Brooke (committee member), Councillor Ken Taylor, Chris Wilkin, John Wilkin, Carol Alcock, Shirley and Peter Nelson, Pat Ryan (committee member), Esther Higden, Gabbie, Joanna Frances, Rob Wheway.
4. **Minutes of the AGM Nov. 26th. 2014** approved by the meeting.
Proposed. Karen Berry seconded Zilpha Reid
5. **No Matters arising**
6. **Accounts;** The Treasurer reported on the accounts for the financial year up to March 31st.which have been audited. The balance at the end of the financial year was £4,674.The accounts only show expenditure up to March 31st. so doesn't show what has been spent to date. We currently have about £2,000 in the bank , but need to claim gift aid of £700. Paul will do this. We need to pay for the bench and tennis court hire out of our current account.
7. **Appointment of Independent examiner of accounts:** Colin Scott has agreed to do this next year. The committee thanked him for his work this year.
8. **Chair's report;** Paul Smith presented his report on the year's activities (attached) Report accepted. Proposer Karen Berry, Seconded Helen Elias.
9. **Election of Officers;** (Paul Smith stepped down and Janis Firminger took the chair) Helen did not wish to continue as Treasurer and Pat has agreed to take on this role. All the other current officers expressed a willingness to continue and no other nominations were received, it was proposed that the current officers should continue for another year. This was approved by the meeting.
10. **Election of other management committee members;** Tim and Zilpha agreed to continue. Helen will also be a committee member
11. **Future plans:** Paul presented the paper – Spencer Park and Recreation Ground: A vision and a plan. The meeting felt that we need to prioritize short tern goals. This will be discussed at our next committee meeting on Nov. 2nd. Karen will contact the Conroys who expressed an interest in running a café in the pavilion.
12. **Next meeting;** We would like to hold the net AGM closer to the end of the financial year, possibly in May.
13. **A.O.B.:** Zilpha reported that the disease resistant elm is now big enough to be planted in the Recreation Ground. Helen reported that Durasport will start to install the play equipment either next week or the week after depending on the weather. Installation will take three to four weeks, during which time the Dalton Rd. gate will not be available for disabled access. The area will be fenced off so the rest of the park can be used.

Helen Elias 6.10.2015