

Minutes of the AGM of HAVACE held at 8pm 25/01/2012

The Club Room St Mary Bourne Village Hall

Present. Pat Jones PJ, Win Coventry WC, Bill Coventry BC, Robert Sykes RS, James Croser JC, Jeremy Barber JB, John Scott JS, Carolyn Hoyes CH, Alan Hitchcock AH, Christian Dryden CD, Sally Mermoud SM, Ian McFarling IMF, Mike Nash MN, Terry Hemming TH, Ruth Hemming RH, Ruth Widen RW, David Ankcorn DA, Rekha Ankcorn RA,

Apologies Jonny Rees-Davis, Val Kennett, Lyn North, Laura Sykes, John and Jane Young, Fiona and Patrick Foote.

Agenda item 1) Opening remarks and introduction

Martin Coppen presented a background to the formation of Havace and a written summary of the achievements so far. He talked us through the summary to show the progress made, what ideas have been mentioned, agencies we met in the first half of last year and actions and aims for the coming year. For further detail refer to written summary. He pointed out that a constitution was passed at the previous meeting.

There followed a discussion about the achievements.

WC gave us an update on the coffee morning which was set up as a social event for the villages but also to help loneliness and isolation.

24 people attended the last one and it was attended by the village agents. With the Coronation closing it will move to The George and will be more central. The day has been kept the same to avoid confusion.

The fuel syndicate has 150 members

JS is happy to mentor unemployed and support people back to work or encourage a career change. As yet there have been no approaches and this was felt to be a combination of reticence and rural pride.

There are already Job Clubs in Andover Romsey and Basingstoke so it was felt this was not an option.

The signposting leaflet needs to be progressed.

The older persons questionnaire is being revised as the first draft was too long

Martin talked about an item that had come up originally about people being able to stay in the village as they got older and he had heard about what is called "Extra Care" where people have their own home but with a community room, warden, space for hairdresser and in some places even a restaurant which

can be accessed by outsiders. BrendonCare in Chandlers Ford runs such a place and it may be something HAVACE could explore in the future.

RW pointed out that there was a long term village planning group and it was important that there is no duplication of effort. She also pointed out CAB give an outreach service in Whitchurch.

Martin pointed out the aim of HAVACE was to identify need and help facilitate change.

JB asked if there was anything to be learnt from the closure of The Coronation, which had been struggling for some time. Some areas have opened community pubs.

JS felt we should prioritise the list of ideas and see what we can take forward.

MC said perhaps somebody would be interested in investigating and acting as a champion for an idea that they could relate to and take forward.

Agenda item2) Election of officers

Martin stood aside as temporary chairman and the chair was passed to Pat Jones.

It was pointed out, that out of those present, only those that had agreed and signed membership forms were eligible to vote for trustees.

Position of chair and trustee

Martin outlined why he was standing for the position of chair.

Martin was proposed by James Crosier

Seconded by Win Coventry

No other member put themselves forward

A vote was taken and Martin was unanimously elected as chair of Havace for the coming year.

Position of minutes secretary and trustee

Pat Jones outlined why she had put herself forward for the post

Pat was proposed by John Scott

Seconded by David Ankorn

No other member put themselves forward

A vote was taken and Pat Jones was elected as minutes secretary for the coming year.

Position of Hon Treasurer and trustee

James Croser outlined his experience in finance and why he was prepared to stand for office

James was proposed by Caroline Hoyes

Seconded by Win Coventry

No other member put themselves forward

A vote was taken and James Croser was elected as Hon Treasurer

Position of Trustee

David Ankorn outlined his background as a lawyer and why he why he was prepared to stand for office

David was proposed by Ruth Widen

Seconded by John Scott

No other members put themselves forward for the post of trustee

A vote was taken and David Ankorn was elected as a trustee

Position of trustee

John Scott (from Forton) outlined his background in the world of commerce and why he was prepared to stand for office.

John was proposed by Jeremy Barber

Seconded by Rev T Hemming

A vote was taken and John Scott was elected as a trustee.

Position of trustee.

Martin gave apologies for Rev John Scott who unfortunately could not be present as he was undergoing surgery in Hospital but wished to stand as a trustee. Martin outlined his background as a priest and the different areas he had worked in.

John was proposed by Caroline Hoyes

Seconded by David Ankorn

A vote was taken and Rev John Scott was elected as a trustee.

Agenda Item3) Secretary's report on membership

Prior to the meeting there were 6 temporary trustees all 6 are now elected as full trustees

In addition we now have 17 members. Total membership 23, with a wide variation of skills to offer.

Agenda item4) Treasurer's report on finance

We have a bank account and a cheque for £150 to pay in to it. In addition, due to problems opening the account, the bank has given us £25 compensation. We will now be able to register with HMRC as a charity and be entitled to gift aid. (JB retired Tax inspector informed us that no charities can claim back VAT and there is a 16 week delay on registering)

JB, also said that The Longparish Community association, was supported by the Parish Council. Included, recycled teenagers, youth club and a monthly activities group, sometimes accumulated money. Was there a possibility that surplus from Hill & Valley Magazine could feed into HAVACE? Martin felt that this could cause constitution problems.

Agenda item 6) AOB and notes on general discussions

RW said there is some anxiety about the shop remaining viable in St Mary Bourne, the trading figures are to be published for the first time. It was felt that the organisation should support the shop. Longparish shop stays open due to the long hours worked by the owners. The Hurstbourne Tarrant shop is up for sale at the moment. The Garage in HBT does better than the shop.

There was discussion around practical courses for disruptive young in the villages. Should we form a directory of expertise?

IMF said he had started Pétanque at the Coronation Arms, he had found it difficult to get this started in Hurstbourne Tarrant but felt a pitch could be built behind the village shop in St Mary Bourne . It is extremely social, any age can play, it could have a knock on effect bringing custom to the village shop, and they could serve drinks.

It was also noted that The George also needed supporting to stay viable.

A Credit Union was discussed. There is one in Hampshire but its use in this area is not clear.

The meeting was closed.