

School Lane Community Association, Hadlow Down  
Minutes of the Meeting (AGM) held on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 7.00 pm  
At 13 School Lane, Hadlow Down.

Attending:

Malcolm Burt (Chair), Sarah Weller (Treasurer), Marion Burt, Jill McMahon, Alan Reed, and Barry Richardson (Secretary).

- 1 Apologies:  
Carmel Weekes (WDC), Di Kempson.
- 2 Signing of Previous Minutes:  
The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were read by all, agreed, and signed by Malcolm.
- 3 Chairman's report:  
Not much activity in the garden this year – a drought followed by very wet weather. Malcolm has planted some strawberries for next year.
- 4 Treasurer's report:  
The Barclays Bank account is now active again, after a protracted struggle to get the signatories changed. Well done to Sarah and Malcolm on that one. The Bank balance is £268.20.
- 5 Election of officers:  
All officers confirmed they were willing to stand again.  
*Chairman:* Malcolm proposed by Barry, seconded by Jill.  
*Treasurer:* Sarah proposed by Malcolm, seconded by Barry  
*Secretary:* Barry proposed by Jill, seconded by Malcolm.  
It was agreed that all officers continue in post.
- 6 Correspondence:  
There is training in IT available for those who want it.  
All Wealden systems are moving, or have moved, online.
7. Progress: Some fence panels need to be replaced. We need to apply to the Community and Environment Fund.  
Sheds need maintenance and repair – this will mean emptying them. Jill is purchasing two small sheds for the next door plot and this will help with the moving. Fences also need some repair and Cuprinol treatment.

Alan has continued to rake up leaves and do the mowing – thanks to him for keeping things tidy.

Keeping bees: They are doing well in the hives adjacent to the garden (owned by Jill and Chris)

8. Any other business:

### **Problem Tenant at no 10**

The registered tenant (Michael Tamkin) is apparently no longer living in no 10. However, his **15 year old** daughter (Bobbie) is now living there **on her own**. This raises serious issues of child protection. The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) says:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- **children under 16 should not be left alone overnight**

Residents expressed concerns over her safety and security, as well as the tenancy terms being broken.

There have been issues with this property in the past with noise and very loud arguments, between father and daughter. Groups of teenagers were in the flat at all hours and their music was very loud. This was especially noisy for Sarah in No 9. The noise has quietened down at the moment and groups of teenagers have not been so common.

Malcolm will raise this issue in a meeting with Carmel Weeks next week.

Date of next meeting: To be advised, at No 13.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

*28<sup>th</sup> November 2022*