

Greenmount Village Community (GVC)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020 for the year 2019 to 2020

Meeting Wednesday 11 March 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom due to Covid
with 13 people in attendance.

1. Opening and Welcome by Chairperson.

2. Apologies 4 apologists.

3. Minutes of 2019 AGM. Proposed acceptance of minutes. Proposed: Graham Lord
Seconded: John Southworth. Carried unanimously. There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report 2020

Prepared by former Chairman Alistair Waddell; read by current Chairperson Julie Southworth.

- Rather a quiet year by comparison to previous years. This is because most of the activities have now become regular meetings.
- This report is for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 well before the current pandemic
- As ever the finances are very healthy and my thanks go to Bob Judge for all his hard work and support throughout the year
- The summer fair was a huge success again and was enjoyed by many people as ever. There was a major change this year, behind the scenes, as Alistair stepped down from organising the event and the baton passed to Bob Judge. One of his most challenging activities was to find a suitable hat to wear.
- The D-CaFF continued to grow and grow and is now an integral part of village life. My thanks to Joani and her wonderful team of volunteers for making this such a successful venture.
- The Bury Greenwood Group continues to flourish at Philips Park and has now had to close its membership at 20 members. They sold some of the wooden items at the Santa Cracker and it proved to be such a success that they hope to be able to have a stall each year
- The Woodland Management group continues each month to help maintain the woodland in the Kirklees Valley under the direction of Paul Robinson from Bury Council
- Christine and her walking group continued to have their summer Friday evening walks with up to 70 people joining her. My thanks go to Christine and her small band of helpers
- The Saturday Drop-In continues to thrive. The annual summer tea party is something to behold. Faith and her helpers create an amazing variety of treats for this event and cater for 80 people. In truth 120 people came along, all had plenty to eat and there were some leftovers which were donated to the Bury Greenwood Group who devoured them in minutes.
- The Incredible Edible plot continued to be fruitful thanks to Donna and her Tuesday gang.
- In late August work started on Phase 2 of the Village Green. The objective to provide facilities for teenagers with a Zip Wire, Table Football, Netball trainer, Boule area, a BBQ and tables and a "chill out zone" of benches. Unfortunately, this project has been bedevilled with problems and delays from flooding and diabolical weather last autumn, manpower shortages with the contractor and then just as spring started to appear hit by Covid-19.



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- It was also Alistair's last year as Chairman as he decided to stand down after 10 years in the role and the search was on for a replacement. Julie Southworth kindly put her name forward. What a baptism she has had as just before she took over we went into lockdown! However, Greenmount was extremely well placed (as ever!) and the Greenmount Helpers which had been mothballed the previous year was resurrected inside 3 days and the service helped numerous villagers in the first weeks of lockdown.

Julie thanked Alistair for all his work and the support of Joan, Alistair and all the Committee. Alistair has been presented with a book to mark his 10 years as GVC Chairman – more of this at next year's AGM.

5. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2020**

Presented by our Treasurer Bob Judge. See the website for the report.

Proposal: Acceptance of Report. Proposed : Alistair Waddell Seconded: Julie Southworth. Carried unanimously.

Thanks were given to the Treasurer from the meeting for his work during the year.

6. **Election of Officers.**

Committee: Chairperson - Julie Southworth Treasurer – Bob Judge Secretary – Joan Waddell. Committee Members - Tracey Hayhoe, Joani Beale, Christine Taylor, Faith Greenhalgh, Frank Crawford, Neil Carter, Rob Kilvington, Ken Dearden, Marcus Evans, John Southworth, Alistair Waddell. Graham expressed thanks for all the activity of the whole Committee.

7. **Appointment of Examiner** - Examination of accounts for next year will again be J. Sharples. Thanks given to the Examiner.

8. **A.O.B.**

1. Update on Island Lodge. Graham Lord outlined the progress which has been made. If people notice any contamination in Island Lodge please inform GVC Chairperson (email address below).

2. John Southworth reported 25 bags of litter had been collected around Island Lodge area. The GVC are grateful for this and all the people who collect litter.

3. Retirement of Dorothy Gunther from the Council. The GVC has been very grateful for all the support and advice Dorothy has given us over the years. Thanks were expressed for all she has done in her work with the Council. The GVC now welcome her onto the Committee.

Date of next AGM

September or October 2021.

Joan Waddell – GVC Secretary

Kindest regards,

Julie Southworth – Chairperson