

Greenmount Village Community (GVC)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021 for the year 2020 to 2021

Monday 18 October 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Old School; 14 people in attendance.

1. **Opening and Welcome by Chairperson** Julie Southworth. A time of reflection to remember our good friend Faith Greenhalgh.
2. **Apologies** 3 apologists.
3. **Minutes of 2020 AGM.** Proposed acceptance of minutes. Proposed: Neil Carter
Seconded: Graham Lord. Carried unanimously. There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairperson's Report - from 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2021**

Despite the disruptive year we have had there has been a great deal of activity since March 2020.

 - Every house in Greenmount received a flyer with details of a help line as soon as lock down took place on 23rd March 2020.
 - Greenmount Helpers were out in force to assist local residents with shopping, prescription pick-ups, posting letters and other tasks, during the initial lock down period. Local businesses stepped up when recognising the issues with on-line shopping, this was advertised by GVC.
 - Greenmount URC were holding services via Zoom to reach members of their parish. Printed sheets were distributed to those without computers.
 - Marcus has kept the website fully updated with activities which have been affected by the Covid situation. Facebook and Twitter has also been set up showing regular updates.
 - The D-CaFF has been awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Congratulations go to Joani Beale, Laura Roberts and their team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to help those in our community with dementia. Because of the pandemic, unfortunately they were unable to collect their award in person.
 - The Zebra Crossing opposite the church was in need of updating. It was given some flashing belisha beacons to help make them more noticeable to drivers.
 - The playground, after being closed at the start of lock down opened again and is as popular as ever.
 - Phase 2 of The Green has been developed and after some disappointing issues it is now up and running.
 - A lot of work has taken place at Holly Mount Orchard this year. New signs have been displayed explaining its history. Just before lock down a pavilion was built which was donated from The Chatsworth's RHS garden show. Volunteers built a decking area beneath the pavilion. Despite restrictions, in the latter part of the year volunteers were able to continue their work in the orchard.
 - Once restrictions relaxed, Woodland Management were able to meet again and continue their excellent work of keeping the Kirklees valley under control, with guidance from Paul Robinson of the council.

- The work on the path from Belvedere Avenue and Nabbs Way was started twice but cancelled due to the lock down.
- A Jigsaw Library was set up to help people during the pandemic. Anke Harris kindly offered to deliver jigsaws to housebound residents for a loan of £1. Over £200 was raised towards the funds for The Old School, but more importantly this helped to keep people occupied and in touch with the community. I would like to thank Anke for all her hard work and commitment to this project.
- Outdoor yard sales started on a regular basis at the Old School as jumble sales were not allowed indoors.
- A big thank you to Donna, who has maintained and organised the Incredible Edible Plot over the years. She has stood down and this role has been handed over to Bea Wainwright.
- In June 2020 the flower beds at Greenmount surgery were given a flash of colour by volunteers, with bedding plants provided by the council.
- The GVC has communicated by The Voice and with regular email updates on the current situation with Covid19. We have worked closely with Community Hub departments within Bury Council to help families and residents in need during this difficult time.
- Nazia Haque set up her electronic notice board to help advertise updates from GVC. She also became a drop off point for food, egg boxes and carrier bags for the food bank. This has been very much appreciated.
- Members of our community took part in making Face Masks and have raised £7553 for NHS charities. Some even took part in making hospital scrubs.
- The Walking Group has had to adapt to the regulations, but it has been encouraging to see that more and more residents out walking.
- Members of the committee had safeguarding training via Zoom.
- In October a weekly support group was set up for the ladies who organise the jumble for the Old School jumble sales. This followed government Covid regulations.
- As Advent approached, the Church organised an Advent Window event. This consisted of 24 houses in the community decorating a window in their home with a Christmas related theme. Residents were encouraged to view all the windows by following a printed map covering an area of up to five miles. This activity took so much planning and we thank the church for inviting us to take part. It was very much appreciated by the community at such a difficult time for everyone.
- As tradition the Christmas trees were positioned outside of the shops but there were fewer than previous years due to access to property.
- Other activities were organised throughout the Christmas holidays, Cracker the Alpaca Trail, Treasure hunt, Village Trail and Quiz. These were all advertised via The Voice, Website and Facebook and were well attended.

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- A decision was made by Greenmount Cricket Club to erect a railing between their car park and the Village Green. The GVC were assisting with funding for this however, after months of discussions no agreement could be made on the type of gate/access available for the public and the council maintenance team.
- Funding was awarded from the Loneliness and Isolation fund from Bury Council and with this 'A Cuppa and Chat' was started with daily meetings set up. Two mornings a week in Church and three afternoons in the Old School. Government regulations applied.
- As the Old School were unable to hold an Antique and Collectors Fair, John Southworth set up an Ebay account and started selling selected items. This was started in March 2021 and in the first month he raised £300.
- Bob Judge has continued to maintain a high standard of book keeping and I would like to thank him for his work on keeping our finances in order and especially for his help and advice over the past year.
- I would also like to thank Joan for all her work and advice as secretary, and all committee members who work quietly behind the scenes.

Thanks were given to the Chairperson for all she has done in this challenging year.

5. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2021**

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

Proposal: Acceptance of Report. Proposed : Ken Dearden Seconded: Christine Taylor. Carried unanimously.

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

6. **Election of Officers.**

The Committee members were all happy to continue. Committee: Chairperson - Julie Southworth; Treasurer – Bob Judge; Secretary – Joan Waddell. Committee Members - Tracey Hayhoe, Joani Beale, Christine Taylor, Frank Crawford, Neil Carter, Ken Dearden, Marcus Evans, John Southworth, Alistair Waddell.

7. **Appointment of Examiner** - Examination of our accounts for next year will be Julie Lightfoot. Thanks were sent via the Treasurer to the Examiner.

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

Repairs are needed to the Incredible Edible beds.

Date of next AGM

October 2022.

Joan Waddell – GVC Secretary

Kindest regards,

Julie Southworth – Chairperson