

# **MINUTES OF THE 4th OHSCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 15<sup>TH</sup> October 2021, at Kendall Hall, St Mary Bredin, 59 Nunnery Fields CT1 3JN**

**Attendees:** Tim Carlyle, David and Terri Kemsley, Dick and Hazel Vane-Wright, Denis Linfoot, Sophie Scott, Helly Langley, Jane Pollok, Nigel and Lucy Fletcher-Jones, Marion Bell, Alison Culverwell, Deidre Hawkes, Osman and Lorna Durrani, Bert and Margot Leslie; Marian and John Heath, Greta Cotterrell, Len Hinksman, Su Cumber, Tom Lynch, Keith Rishworth, Lorraine Woodleigh, Mike and Susi Brain, Simon Thompson,  
7-7.45 pm – Social Gathering with refreshments provided and served by SEA members Susi Brain, Alison Culverwell, Lorna Durrani, Helly Langley, Margot Leslie and Hazel Vane-Wright. Many thanks to them.

7.45 pm – **Address by Tom Lynch.**

Tim Carlyle welcomed Tom Lynch who spoke about his campaign against the Mountfield Park development of 4000 homes on farmland in South Canterbury (CA/16/00600). Tom stressed it had been a team effort and he thanked supporters and donors, many from OHSCA and Barton RA, whose generous support had enabled him to engage the services of a barrister and bring his action to a Judicial Review. The High Court judge will rule next week so the campaign was at a very sensitive and critical stage which meant Tom was unable to divulge too much current information. However, he was able to tell members how he had waded through reams of documents over many months to establish the case against Corinthian, their overseas backers and Canterbury City Council. Southern Water's concerns that the Sturry Water Works could not cope with additional housing – it can barely cope now with the many new blocks of student accommodation in the City – is a major factor in Tom's argument against the development.

(We later heard that the High Court Judge had quashed Canterbury City Council's planning permission CA/16/00600. CCC admitted errors in the decision to grant permission).

8.00 pm **AGM AGENDA**

## **1. Apologies**

Hilary Adams, David and Gwyneth Hartwell, Nick and Monica Eden-Green, Evelyn Wyver, Graham Wood, Michael and Daphne Reeve, Harry and Alison MacDonald, David Cotterrell, Derek Ray, Doreen Laven, Deborah and David Broadbridge, Maggie Anwell.

## **2. Minutes of AGM held 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

These were agreed without amendment.

## **3. Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

## **4. Annual Report from the Vice Chair, Tim Carlyle**

(A copy is filed with these Minutes and had been emailed to members prior to the Meeting.)

Tim recalled a difficult year of with covid restrictions but OHSCA had continued on with zoom Committee meetings, weekly Covid bulletins were emailed to members during the 2020 lockdown thanks to Greta Cotterrell, quarterly newsletters had been produced and delivered – Deirdre Hawkes was thanked for taking over organisation and distribution when Sophie was injured – and the Fire Station Planters were repaired financed by OHSCA and many generous donations from members. Planning issues continued to be monitored including Mountfield Park, 68 ODR, the McCarthy and Stone development in NDR and Cllr Ben Fitter-Harding's plan for 31,000 new homes in the City area.

Tim felt OHSCA has reached a crossroad especially as we are without a Chairperson and the current Committee feels it has little new to offer and seeks new blood. What does the membership want from OHSCA? Tim has arranged a Committee meeting to be held at the Kent and Canterbury Club on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm open to all members to collect new ideas and encourage members to join the Committee.

Tim congratulated Sophie Scott on the awards she had received for our gardens and thanked the newsletter delivery teams.

## **5. Annual Report from the Treasurer (copy of Accounts filed with these Minutes)**

Jane Pollok explained that, with covid, it had been a quiet year with few social events but donations had increased which mean we start the 2021-22 year with £5024. The repair to the Fire Station planters cost £2,964 and Bossingham Groundworks' bill has already been paid.

## **6. Approval of certified Accounts for the 2 financial years ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

The Accounts were certified by Hilary Adams, signed copy filed with these Minutes. A copy will be put on the website. A thank-you gift will be sent to Hilary.

## **7. Annual Report from Membership Secretary**

Sophie Scott reported that during the past 2 years, several members had move away or sadly died but we also gained a number of new members. Membership now stands at 244 households. She thanked those who donated extra funds for general, trees, plants or planters.

## **8. Annual Reports from Special Interest Groups**

### **Local History Group –**

Mike Brain, LHG Secretary, presented healthy LHG accounts mainly due to book sales. In March 2020 the Mayor unveiled the Doris Hughes memorial plaque and tree at the City end of Ivy Lane. There were no LHG meetings during lockdown but work continues to update the Dover Street book and to transcribe taped memories as a valuable resource. OHSCA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be in 2024 – are there ideas for a new publication? Mike reported that, sadly, one of the group's long-standing members, Diane Pierce, has passed away and will be greatly missed.

### **Green Team**

Sophie and the Green Team won 4 awards for our gardens and raised beds and she thanked Dave Goddard for his work on Milton Road garden and Alison Culverwell for her contribution of plants. The Rotary Club have given us 500 crocus bulbs which will be planted Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> October on the corner of Lesley Ave and Cromwell Road.

During the past 2 years a second Judas Tree was planted by Premier Inn, a red Hazel in Rhodaus Town, 2 pear trees in Pilgrims Way. 2 more trees are planned: an amelanchier in Lesley Ave and a red hazel in Puckle Lane.

**Litter** - Helly has kindly taken over the organising of litter picks which are now carried out every 2 months. The litter-pickers were thanked for their efforts.

**SEA** – Lorna Durrani reported that, despite lockdown, Greta Cotterrell's Covid bulletins were emailed out to members during 2020 and in 2021 SEA held a plant swap, Garden Lunch (thanks to Alison Culverwell for hosting), a butterfly walk, and monthly coffee mornings at No 35. In the New Year, the venue will change to the Hampton by Hilton in St Margaret's Street.

**OHC** – there were no recent updates.

## **9. Recommendation regarding annual subscription**

Jane Pollok recommended the annual subscription for 2021-2022 remain unchanged but be reviewed over the next months.

## **10. A Proposal for revisions to the Constitution – Sec 5&6 Remote Meetings**

This amendment was published in full in the Autumn newsletter:

An amendment with the object of explicitly authorising General Meetings, and other Association meetings and events, to take place by 'remote means' (as defined) at the Committee's discretion during periods of Pandemic restrictions and during any other comparable periods of emergency. The amendment was agreed unanimously.

## **11. Nominations for Officers and Committee 2021-2022**

The nomination papers for 9 applicants are filed with these Minutes.

## **12. Elections for Committee members 2021-22**

The following were unanimously block elected to form the next OHSCA Committee.

Chair – The Committee will operate a rotating Chair.

Vice Chair –

Hon Treasurer – Jane Pollok

Hon Secretary – Marion Bell

Membership Secretary – Sophie Scott

Committee Members: Tim Carlyle, Lucy Fletcher-Jones, David Kemsley, Helly Langley, Denis Linfoot, Dick Vane-Wright

Hilary Adams was nominated as Auditor for 2022.

## **13 Other Business**

There was no AOB

David Kemsley thanked Marion Bell organising the venue, Marian Heath for her History display, DVW for his power-point presentation, Hugh and Claire Leggatt for the loan of the projector, SEA for the refreshments, Tim Carlyle for his Vice-Chairmanship since 2019 and all the Committee for keeping the show on the road.

Points raised by attendees for future consideration were: refugees, homeless people in the City; more modern forms of communication to attract younger members; keeping the OHSCA area a pleasant place to live. One member commented "Don't change what's not broken" – our role to represent and support the local residents works well. It was pointed out that there are official organisations who support refugees and the homeless.

## **14. End of formal meeting.**

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.