

Minutes of the WAM AGM

Held Thursday 13th September 2018

The presentation slides (q.v.) contain the agenda and information provided with it. These notes are in addition to it.

36 people attended, with apologies from Kathy Allen, Bill Geddes, Janet Robins, Bob Scott, Brian Read.

The chair welcomed Dan Ross from Worthing Borough Council

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted - proposed Jack Powis, seconded John Scrace.

Motions to amend the Terms and Conditions (see slides) were accepted - proposed Denis Chadwick, seconded Bob Bingham

The treasurer's Report was accepted (see slides) - proposed Rik Pease, seconded Richard Lawson

It was agreed unanimously that rent levels should stay at £8 per rod for the next year, which means they have not risen since WAM took over.

All officers were re-elected, proposed Bob Bingham, seconded Denis Chadwick

Our constitution forces all elected members of the Committee to resign within five years of taking up their post. The first post to become vacant under that rule is the secretary (in November) so WAM will be seeking potential replacements. The present secretary is permitted to remain until a replacement is appointed, but that is intended as a temporary measure. A job description is being prepared.

Questions and comments from the floor:

Dan Ross (WBC) thanked all WAM members for their efforts through the year - WAM is an inspiring community.

Bob Bingham - Could we utilise water from the streams under our sites?

A: No, because we would need (a) to test regularly for purity (b) levels of impurity could rise between tests (c) pumping it and obtaining licence for that purpose would have cost implications. Taken together, it would be unsafe and not financially viable.

Ken Wilson - (a) the proposed development at Cwd would remove parking spaces, which are in short supply.

A: The shipping container for the new shop is a matter to be decided by WAGA so questions need to be directed to their AGM

(b) The agenda and financial report should be circulated sufficiently in advance to give members time to submit questions for the committee to answer at the meeting.

A: Notices asking for nominations always go out in advance, as does the final list of candidates. The final agenda follows that and can be circulated using our web site and facebook group and, barring last-minute changes, on notice boards and in shops. It can, in future, specifically invite questions in advance. However, the financial report will not always be finalised until closer to the day, as our official end of year is very close to our AGM date.