

To be presented and approved at the 2016 AGM

Bishops Caundle Community Store.
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30th June 2015.- (an Open Meeting)
held at Bishops Caundle Village Hall.

Amongst those present.

Peter & Carol Blundell - Committee Members
Liz & David Lyon - Chairperson
Sally Gent
Carol West
Pete Hobbs - Committee Member & Dee Hobbs
Gordon Chubb - Accountant
Shelia Richardson.
Faye Jaffey
Mrs Carryl Perry
Mr James Perry
Margaret Pollard.
Pat Clarke
Rev Richard & Mrs Liz Kerlew
Charles Watson
Marion Parsons
Tricia Murray & Mr A. Murray
Mr & Mrs Young.
Simon Thompson DCA.
Keith Budgell
Bob Maidment
Will & Jenny Gooding.
Penny Stewart
Mrs Eileen Maidment.
Julian Deane
Peter MacFarland
Sarah MacFarland
Julie Range
Mike Range

Apologies received from the following people.

Rev Derek & Mrs Hillier
Mr & Mrs Douglas Wren
Ms G Ridout.
Mr M Davies
Mr P. Gent
Mrs J. Feltham
Lynne & Adrian Harding
Colin West
David Fisher – Plunkett Foundation.
36 People attended the Meeting
10 People gave apologies.

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Item 1 Welcome & Apologies.

Mrs Liz Lyon, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The previous Chairperson Mr Charles Watson then took-over the meeting to make presentations to two people who unfortunately did not attend the meeting.

Mrs Serena Davies the Shop Manageress & Post Mistress since the shop opened. CW explained to the assembled group that Serena Davies had worked hard to serve the Community and that it was through her determination that the shop had progressed. He recognised that at times Serena's family life suffered because of her diligence to the Community.

A round of applause was given.

Wendy Staffiere had been carrying out the duties of Treasurer. CW also explained to the assembled group that Wendy had operated the post with the same level of determination and was hoping to use the experience to improve her C.V. And assist her in gaining full-time paid employment. Unfortunately both she and her partner had suffered a significant period of ill-health and this had forced her decision to resign and was also the reason she was unable to attend the meeting.

Item 2 Minutes from the last AGM were agreed as correct and signed.

Proposer Mr C. Watson Seconded Jenny Gooding

Item 3 Accountant's Report.

Mr Gordon Chubb took the floor to give the group a report concerning the financial activity during the previous year.

The principal point of his report being that the shop had almost broken even this year. There was a £150.00 cash loss.

A copy of GC's report can be requested from the Secretary.

Item 4 Chairperson's Report.

Mrs Elizabeth Lyon reported to the assembled group the following:

Serena Davies will be in the PO till the end of August. She also echoed the comments from CW regarding SD.

Thanks were due to the following people: Dawn Loveless, Jackie Feltham and Maddie Bain and to all the Volunteers

Wendy Staffiere and that we will require another volunteer to take on the job.

Mrs Perry for driving SD to the C&C each week

Wendy's Brother for his help with the shop-fittings.

Shelia Antell for wages

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Gale Jenkinson at the White Hart pub who has stepped into the breach to help regarding the licencing.

Simon Thompson from DCA & Ken Parsons from the Rural Shops Alliance, both offered a great deal of advice when we were needing to cut expenditure.

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Gorden Chubb for all his help each year in doing the accounts and giving advice.
To our main suppliers: Bookers; Youings; Foots Eggs.
Dykes of Stalbridge – We are using their buying power to help us over the minimum order charges of some other suppliers.
To Bishops Caundle Parish Council;
Hall & Woodhouse; Magna Housing Association for their support and grants
& Finally to the Volunteers who are a faithful wonderful bunch with cheery faces.
With regard to Loans they will not been repaid this year.
We will be organising a Summer get-together for volunteers and staff and a Macmillan Coffee Morning which we hope you will all support.
CB will be organising a Christmas Meal again.
We really do need more volunteers to help serve in the shop, stock shelves and paint the inside of the shop. Anyone with Retail experience will be very welcome.
A treasurer is now urgently required.

Item 5 New plans.

Unfortunately the shop has been subsidising the PO operation. In September it is hoped that Jackie Feltham will takeover the PO for 15 hours per week.
Olives Kitchen is a new range from Sabins Deli in Sherborne of complete meals.
Our new manageress will start working in September after SD has left the Post Office; we feel it would be difficult for SD to watch the store she has worked so hard to develop be changed.
We are asking for other suggestions for stock and there is a list circulating in the hall to enable customers to give us their email address so that they can be informed of our special offers.
We are also using Social media and Twitter feed so that customers can let us know what they think.

Item 6 Question & Answers Session.

LL advised the group that we do already have some written questions, many of which she had already been answered in her report.
From Mrs M. Pollard a question regarding the Volunteers hours, what are our immediate plans?
Answer – We are currently using the Dorset Volunteer Bureau to find a Treasurer. We hope they will be able to find someone and possibly some extra volunteers.
After a further discussion with Mrs Pollard she said she was not convinced that we would be able to cover all the duties.
A questioner from the floor asked 'Why have you let SD go?'
LL said it was S's own decision to resign and she was not prepared to discuss decisions made by SD here in public, particularly in her absence.
Another questioner asked about new volunteers learning what they need to know.
LL answered that new people would probably be buddied up with a more experienced person.
As there were no further questions the meeting was closed.

The time was not recorded.