

AGM CONNECT MAGAZINE

Connect Magazine AGM Meeting
10th July 2023 at Whitley Methodist Church
The meeting started at 7.31 pm.

In attendance

John Harding (Chairman), Roger Hatherall (Treasurer), Matt Wills (Editor), Sara Whiteside (Secretary), Joe McNeige (Distribution), Maurice Hubert (Committee), Suzien Harding (Committee), Jenny McNeige

Welcome and apologies

No apologies received.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending. It was noted that there were four people present who had attended the last AGM in 2019.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from 29/04/19 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Sara Whiteside has taken on the role of secretary. Janet Jonik took over the role of Advertising Secretary but has since resigned.

The planned AGM for 23/04/20 did not take place due to the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report

This was circulated at the last committee meeting. The balance of £2,137.80 remains much the same now.

We have received our grant of £250 from MWPC.

The accounts were accepted unanimously and the Treasurer was thanked for his work.

Editor's Report

Content remains challenging.

We have some consistent contributors like Melksham Without. The school remains an omission and it was hoped that, with a new Head, this could be addressed in the near future.

Runners' Corner and village vacancies have become regular features.

Matt has received back copies of Connect from the 1980s and these contained word searches and crosswords. These can be included in forthcoming editions when content is short.

We have lost a few advertisers so are two pages shorter now.

It was agreed that the front cover could be more creative and it was somewhat 'stale' at present. The school's artwork on the front covers in the past was well received and this could be repeated.

Another consideration was using the village art group.

Sue to action.

Everyone agreed that the magazine was going well and Matt was thanked for all his hard work.

Vacant committee posts

Sue resigned from the committee after over 14 years. She was resigning reluctantly due to ill health.

John resigned as Chairman after 14 years in the role.

Maurice proposed a vote of thanks to them both for their hard work and commitment.

All other committee members agreed to stand again. John proposed that they should be re-elected in their roles.

The advertising role remains vacant. Maurice knows of a possible successor and will approach this person in due course.

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Maurice offered his house for future committee meetings.

Christmas cards have been sent (to committee members and distributors) by John. This needs consideration now that he has resigned.

Next meeting

Monday 24th July at 7.30pm - Maurice's house - Plum Tree Cottage, 84b Corsham Road.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.