**RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity No 262929.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**7pm TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023**

*Present:*  Drew Stevens, Christopher Bradley, Lesley Dempsey, Robin Forrester, Alan Lomax, Peggy Robinson, Peter Hall. 25+ members also attended

*Apologies:* Roger and Sue Hallet, Roger Lawrence, Rosemary Watts, Peter Hinchcliffe, Mary Wilcox, Barbara Geddes, Paul Parnoe, Suzanne Bradley, Christopher and Valerie Lunn, Derek and Thea Havery, Chris and Jenny Powlett,, Vivien and Norman Biddle, Suzanne Sparrow.

**1. Minutes of AGM of 12th April 2022** were approved**.** Proposed by Peter Hall, seconded

by Robin Hogg.

**2. Chairman’s Report** This was agreed and is attached to these Minutes.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Peter Faulkner for the tremendous work to consolidate the Village Directory. Also a huge vote of thanks to Christopher Lunn, who is standing down from the RYDA Committee. His work over the past years has been both tireless and supportive. The Chairman summarised the year’s activities and confirmed the appointment of Suzanne Sparrow as Honorary Member of the RYDA.

Bob Styring then gave an informative and interesting talk on Brookings Down Wood, and Easter Hill Wood and the progress made during 2022-23.

**3. Adoption of the Accounts** were approved and are attached to these Minutes. Proposed by Andrew Beveridge, seconded by Peter Hall.

**4. Honorary Auditor.** The reappointment of Veronica Ingram as Honorary Auditor for a further year was agreed. Proposed by Andrew Beveridge,seconded by Bob Styring.

**5. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Drew Stevens thanked all Committee members for their support during the last year.

There being no further nominations the current Committee were elected en masse. Proposed by Jane Barnett, seconded Robin Hogg and the following are appointed to the Committee for 2023/2024:-

Chairman - Drew Stevens

Honorary Secretary - Peggy Robinson

Honorary Treasurer

& Membership Secretary - Alan Lomax

Members - Christopher Bradley

* Lesley Dempsey (Website and Newsletters)
* Robin Forrester (Planning)
* Peter Hall (Parking)

Co-opted Member - Peter Faulkner (Village Directory)

Honorary Member - Suzanne Sparrow

The Chairman then opened the meeting to the floor.

Liz Woodwalker reported the use of the PAL phone number for access to voluntary transport. This incurred a monthly cost. It was suggested that NNPC be approached in the first instance for help with this, but that RYDA would step in if needed.

Chris D’Avery reported that a secure site was being sought for community compost for Newton & Noss. This was well under way and he would report further when applications had been accepted.

Andrew Beveridge asked about RYDA involvement with SW Water and the sewerage problems in the area. It was confirmed that this was being addressed by a number of groups in the villages, of which RYDA is fully supportive, and that progress would be carefully monitored, along with any potential issues at the international paint site which concerned water purity.

There was a vote of thanks from the floor for the committee for all their hard work for the RYDA.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:25pm

Village Directories were handed out to members, and RYDA Committee members will deliver the remainder to relevant addresses.

Drew Stevens

Chairman 25 April 2023