

SLINGSBY WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Thursday 21st November 2013 at 7.30pm
in the Grapes

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Jon Boots, Carol Buck, Keith Buck, George Dudzinski, Richard Flint (Committee members), joined by Sue Birkbeck and Shelagh Richards.
2. **Welcome and introduction:** Jon Boots (acting Chairman) welcomed all to this, the third AGM of the Group, and introduced the proceedings.
3. **Apologies** were received from David and Carol Thornley, and Margaret Mackinder.
4. **Chairman's report:** Jon Boots, acting as Chairman, gave an overview of a successful and relatively settled year for the group. Membership changes were explained. He expressed the hope that the Group would be able to cooperate with a wider range of village organisations in the coming year. The report is attached at Annex A.
5. **Treasurer's report:** Carol Buck presented the accounts for the Group's financial year (1 Nov 2012 to 31 Oct 2013). They had been audited and signed by a retired accountant and tax inspector who is independent of the Group. The accounts are attached at Annex B.
6. **Newsletter editor's report:** Keith Buck presented the Newsletter editor's report. He outlined another successful year for the Triangle and thanked all concerned. He gave notice that he intended to step down as head of the Triangle team in April 2015. The report is attached at Annex C.
7. **Webmaster's report:** Richard Flint reported on the improving architecture of the website and its associated facilities, including a number of technical and security enhancements. His report is attached at Annex D.
8. **Approval of officers:** As no other nominations were received, the committee was reconfirmed en bloc, as follows:
 - Chairman:** George Dudzinski
 - Treasurer:** Carol Buck.
 - Newsletter editor:** Keith Buck
 - Webmaster:** Richard Flint
 - Secretary:** Jon Boots
 - Member:** David Thornley

9. **Open discussion:** A number of topics were aired, without necessarily any firm conclusions or action points arising as a result. Two main themes emerged. Firstly, the need to attract more young people to the website and, in particular, to recruit a young person to assist with our online media. Secondly, we discussed how the ongoing drive by public authorities to move to web-based information and services only reinforced the continuing need for a written newsletter which can provide a convenient guide to local services for the large numbers of our community who do not have internet access.

Jon Boots, Secretary 15 December 2013