

# SLINGSBY WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER GROUP

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm  
in the Grapes Inn Slingsby

## MINUTES

1. **Present:** Jon Boots, Carol Buck, Keith Buck, Stephen Mackinder, David Thornley (committee members), George Dudzinski (member) and 3 members of the public.
2. **Welcome and introduction:** Jon Boots (acting Chairman) welcomed all to the sixth AGM of the Group, and introduced the proceedings.
3. **Apologies** had been received from Richard Flint and Naomi Tummons (committee members).
4. **Chairman's report:** Jon Boots gave an overview of another successful year for the Group. The comments in the Parish Plan questionnaire to residents had been very largely positive, and the committee had carefully considered all comments. George Dudzinski had retired from the committee, and Naomi Tummons would be stepping down from the committee after producing the January/February 2017 Triangle. The Group was most grateful to them both. Richard Flint would now limit his work to the technical side of the website. The need for new members to work on the Group was now pressing – in particular the future of the Triangle must be in doubt unless a new editor comes forward to help David Thornley. Help with the website was also needed. The Chairman's written report accompanies these minutes. In answer to a question Jon said that as far as he knew (it not being directly a Group matter) there was no money available to produce printed copies of either the Village Design Statement or the forthcoming Parish Plan.
5. **Treasurer's report:** Carol Buck presented the accounts for the Group's financial year (1 Nov 2015 to 31 Oct 2016). They had been audited and signed by a retired accountant and tax inspector who is independent of the Group. The end of year balance had after 5 years now reached the level recommended by the auditor of one year's operating cost. The report is attached. It was noted that there would be no increase this year in the price of the Triangle (£5 per year)
6. **Newsletter editor's report:** David Thornley presented the Newsletter editor's report. The year had again been successful for the Triangle. Naomi Tummons and David had produced alternate issues. Keith Buck had continued to handle advertising and distribution most efficiently. As mentioned by Jon in his Chairman's report, a new person to help produce the Triangle was very badly needed. David's report is attached.
7. **Webmaster's report:** Richard Flint's report (read by Jon) detailed further improvements to the security of the website and its associated satellites. It was hoped that a new calendar could be found to replace the old one, which had been removed because of technical problems.

Statistics showed that website usage was down on 2015 – a record year – Jon said that perhaps this was due to more information being relayed via the Group's Twitter and Facebook accounts. Richard's report is attached.

8. **Approval of officers:** No other nominations being received, the officers and members of the committee were elected as follows:

**Chairman:** Jon Boots

**Treasurer:** Carol Buck.

**Newsletter editor:** David Thornley

**Webmaster:** Richard Flint

**Secretary:** Stephen Mackinder

Additional Committee Members: Naomi Tummons (until February 2017)

and Keith Buck.

**Any other business:** The committee would review the constitution to see if any small revisions were necessary to reflect the realities of the Group's work after its first five years.

Stephen Mackinder (Secretary)  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2016