

SLINGSBY WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER GROUP

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm
in the Grapes

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Gill Baker, Jon Boots, Jo Breckon, Caroline Edwards, David Thornley, Dave Wilmore (Committee members), plus Terry Baker, Kate Giles, Stephen Prest, Pat Thompson, Carol Thornley, and one other resident (Caitlin).
2. **Welcome and introduction:** Jon Boots (Chairman) welcomed all present to the ninth AGM of the Group, and outlined the order of business.
3. **Apologies** had been received from Sarah Bowley, Richard Flint and George Dudzinski.
4. **Chairman's report:** The Chairman gave an overview of the Group's activities during the last year, a healthy year for the Group. The beginning and end of the year had been marked by personnel changes for both the website and the Triangle team. Assistance from a volunteer with social media experience was still being sought. Thanks were due to our outgoing treasurer, Sarah Bowley, and to all the many people now involved in supporting the work of the Group. The meeting accepted the Chairman's report. The written report accompanies these minutes.
5. **Financial report:** The accounts for the year ending 31 October 2019 had been prepared by Sarah Bowley and had been independently examined by a local business person. The Group's new Treasurer, Caroline Edwards, who had been appointed at a recent committee meeting, presented a report on these accounts, showing it had been a year of financial stability. The Financial report (including summary account) was approved. It accompanies these minutes.
6. **Newsletter editor's report:** David Thornley presented the Newsletter Editor's report. He thanked Gill Baker for her excellent work in her first year as co-editor. He encouraged people to send in articles for the Triangle. Discussion touched on the team's wish to strike the right balance between articles and adverts. David's report was accepted by the meeting and it accompanies these minutes.

7. **Webmaster's report:** Richard Flint (our off-site webmaster) had submitted a written report, which the Chairman summarized for the meeting. Important technical upgrades to software and security had been made. The village website continues to be well protected from the attacks most WordPress-powered websites suffer. Visitor and viewing stats showed it had been a slow year for the website, with page views down significantly, whereas Facebook follows were up. (Note: the website team will review if and how this issue should be addressed.) Richard's report accompanies these minutes.
8. **Election of officers and committee members:** As no other nominations were received, the **officers** were elected as follows:
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| Chairman: | Jon Boots |
| Treasurer: | Caroline Edwards (newly elected) |
| Newsletter Editor: | David Thornley |
| Webmaster: | Richard Flint |
| Secretary: | Jon Boots |

Gill Baker, Jo Breckon and Dave Wilmore were re-elected as committee members.

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the formal meeting.

9 Open discussion

After the close of business wide-ranging discussions ensued. Among the topics raised during and after the meeting were:

- Ways of reaching a wider audience through the website and especially social media.
- New ideas for website and Triangle content.
- Feasibility of directly sharing the website calendar with subscribers.
- Doing a survey of residents' interests.

The team will follow up these ideas in the coming months.

Jon Boots

Chairman and Secretary,
Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group
28th November 2019