



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20th October 1999

The Millennium Hall – St Barnabas Church

Residents in attendance: approximately 50

Committee members present: Heather Moore, Rosanna Henderson, Sue van-Raat, Paula Fenech, Sue Chandler, Krystina Mackersie

The meeting was in two parts.

Part 1: How Brentham came to be built

Talk given by Aileen Reid – author of forthcoming book

Part 2: Main business

1. Minutes of 1998 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting – proposed by Tony Oliver, seconded by Bevan Jones.

2. Committee's Report

Chair Heather Moore thanked the current committee for all their efforts and the many others around the estate who had given their time over the last year. Special thanks were given to Pat Baxendale and John Kelly of the Planning Advisory Panel, Wendy Sender and the Book Committee, Alan Henderson for the work on the archives and the newsletter and Peter Bigwood for developing our web page.

Secretary Rosanna Henderson said that membership was over 53%, the highest since 1988, the year following the storm. She reminded everyone that the Society is a non-profit making organisation and thanked all those who paid their subscriptions and who gave donations.

Paula Fenech who works closely with the Brentham Advisory Panel on planning issues outlined what having conservation status means and why it is so important to retain it. She briefly stated the current position in relation to the application for developments to the Brentham Club's sports facilities and also explained the Council policy on street trees.

Wendy Sender, speaking about the Centenary Book, thanked all those people who have helped get the Book Project where it is today. Particular thanks to Mark Greenwood for dreaming up the share scheme and the marketing strategy, Elizabeth Atkinson for finding

so many back gardens for the Garden Open Day, Sue van Raat and Pat Baxendale for the Art Weekend success and especially to Sue Elliott for her support and efforts without whom the book would still be just an idea. Sue Elliott then outlined what has been achieved to date and what is planned for the coming year.

Sue Chandler, on behalf of those organising social events, thanked Clive Hicks for guiding the Open House walks, Barbara Murray for opening her garden for the Strawberry Tea and Mandy Greenwood for her help on the Craft Fair. Carol singing had raised over £250 for two local charities who were extremely grateful.

Krystyna MacKersie thanked all those who had volunteered to become street representatives and outlined their role in providing a welcome to new residents and acting as a focal point between residents and the Society.

3. Financial report

Sue van-Raat presented the accounts which showed a net surplus for the year of £5,365 (£1,213 net of Centenary receipts/ payments). She thanked Derek Buckley for once again auditing the accounts and asked if anyone on the estate would be prepared to take over the audit function as Derek will no longer be able to do so.

Vote of thanks

Tony Oliver proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their work during the year.

4. Election of Committee for 1999-2000

Election of the new committee was proposed by Bevan Jones and seconded by Pam Turner. The following residents were elected to the Committee:

Heather Moore (127 Fowlers Walk); Rosanna Henderson (47 Meadvale Road);
Sue van-Ratt (16 Neville Road); Sue Chandler (44 Woodfield Crescent);
George Barnes (13 Brentham Way); Paula Fenech (45 Ludlow Road);
Krystyna MacKersie (39 Brentham Way); Graham Fox (32 Brentham Way)

5. Garden Awards

Pam Turner announced and presented the garden awards. Three runners up were:

5 Brunner Road: predominance of greys, with a mass of climbers over the porch.

57 Meadvale Road: at 45° to the road making two contrasting triangles, one green and shady the other full of colour around the door.

16 Woodfield Crescent: a tiny north facing garden, neat and full of variety.

The Rose Bowl goes to:

5 Ludlow Road: A delightful mix of formal and informal. Four standard enonymus are perfectly in character with the Edwardian cottage.

Congratulations to all the winners.

6. Raffle

7. Questions from the floor

Questions about trees, cable junction boxes and whether we are “Bren_tham” or “Brent_ham” were raised and noted. Agreed responses would be included in the next newsletter.