

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2018

FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Venue: St.Nicholas Church Hall, Broadway, BH6 4EP 7.30pm

Members Present 78

Committee:

Chair & Membership Sec	Avril Ogden
Vice Chair	Vacant
Treasurer	Monica Francis
Secretary	Vacant
Henra Mail & IT	Ed Essery
In-House Social Secretary	Miriam Monaghan
General Committee:	John Lambon
	Lester & Jennifer Ruckley
	Clifford Lux

Hon.President/Previous Chair	Tony Yates
Hon.Vice President/Previous Vice Chair	Tony Bayliss

These Minutes have been prepared by Avril Ogden from the voice recording of the evening.

Chair (Avril) - Welcome everybody. It's lovely to see so many of you here. I'll keep this next bit short, you'll be glad to know, as we want to get on with the social side of things. One quick introduction - Clifford Lux, our latest committee member. Applause.

We do still need some more committee members, particularly a Treasurer and a Secretary. So if anyone feels they can help us out, please let us know.

In the absence of a Secretary, as usual I'm going to record the business side of the meeting and eventually I will get all the information up on to the website.

Apologies have been received from all 3 Ward Councillors.

Rob Lawton & Malcolm Davies are in London at a Government meeting, not sure about Eddie Coope.

I have received several letters which require a reply but not necessarily a discussion at our meetings. If you are writing in, and you haven't provided an email address, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you need a reply as we don't have the resources to start paying out for stamps.

So first tonight will be **our local PCSO** so if Annette would like to say a few words. Applause.

Annette - Thank you everyone. I'm not used to people clapping me. It's nice to see so many of you again. I wasn't able to come along last month as I was at a training course, so I do apologize. I'll keep this brief as I can see all the lovely food over there.

Before I came out tonight, I did have a quick look to see what's been going on in the area. We've had some boy racers again in the car parks. We do, where possible, go around the car parks. I certainly do when I'm on duty, sometimes in a police vehicle which does tend to put some of them off but there's no knowing when these boy racers are going to appear. I will continue to patrol the car parks and the cliff top, as will my colleagues.

In the past week, there have been some shed break-ins in Belle Vue Road & Twynham Road. Just to make you aware, people tend to think of shed break-ins as only happening in the summer. If you have got a lock for your shed, please make sure you use it. If you need some advice on locks, I can help you with that. Try not to keep too much of any value in your shed. Especially cycles, sometimes these are extremely expensive.

We've also had some commercial break-ins, a couple of premises broken into in Southbourne Grove, also in Boscombe and Pokesdown. I do believe that someone has now been arrested. In one of the break-ins a safe was stolen. Just be mindful if you are out and about shopping that you keep your purses and wallets safe. Nothing else of any note that I could see before I came out tonight.

This is the time of year when a lot of you shop on line and the parcels get delivered, sometimes the delivery comes when we're not in. A recent event - a lady had a parcel signed for by her neighbour, except that he

wasn't a neighbour but a ne'er-do-well who was walking down the road outside her house trying to beg for money. Clearly the delivery driver was at fault as he allowed this chap to sign for the parcel. So if you are buying on line, just be mindful as to where you have said to leave the parcels if you are out. Who do you trust to sign for your parcels?

Just to finish off, we are still receiving calls from people who have been scammed, or potentially could be scammed. Just be careful - nobody from your bank, or your building society, or the lottery, will ever ring you up and say you need to send them £30 or similar. That's actually money-laundering which I'm sure you're all aware of. It is still happening to people who are being taken in. Annette then gave an example of an elderly man who had been persuaded to sign over all his money.

So that's it for the time being. It's lovely to see you all. I'll stick around for a little bit longer but I'll see you all again after Christmas. Feel free to come up and talk to me later if you would like to. Applause.

Chair (Avril) - Thank you very much Annette.

Just to let you know that in addition to re-introducing some entertainment after several years absence, we have also re-introduced a raffle. Henra have supplied a selection of prizes and thank you to those of you have kindly brought along donations as well. The raffle will be held later on.

So I would like to now introduce **Paul and Friends**. Paul is on guitar and vocals, Tony on drums and Chris on piano accordion. Paul and Tony are both local to the area. So let's welcome them and sit back and enjoy.

We were then treated to a medley of music and songs that we could sing along to. Some of the songs included renditions of You Raise Me Up (Westlife), No Matter What (Ronan Keating), Top of the World (Carpenters), Streets of London (Ralph McTell), All My Loving (Beatles), Nowhere Man, Show a Little Kindness (Glen Campbell), White Christmas, and several others we could sing along to.

Paul had composed a "Boy Racers" song which we were treated to whilst Annette was still present, sung to the tune of Glory Glory Hallelujah.

Paul then handed over to Chris and his piano accordion for another medley of songs, mostly Christmas themed.

We then broke for our buffet and drinks.

Avril then thanked Paul and his friends for entertaining us. I'm sure we've all enjoyed it. Applause.

Can I also say a big thank you to Miriam, one of our committee members, who has organized all the food and drink for us tonight. Applause

We then held the raffle. All the available tickets were sold.

Avril - Final Remarks

Our next meeting will be Wed 6th Feb - Speaker, Suzanne about the New Forest Inhabitants both human and animal.

The following evening - Thursday 7th Feb, will be our Annual Dinner at Gilbeys Restaurant. Watch out for an email in Mid Jan with details and application form.

If you haven't given us an email address, let me have a stamped addressed envelope by 1st week Jan and I'll send you a form once we have them ready.

Finally, Happy Christmas & Happy & Healthy New Year. See you in February.