

**Annual General Meeting of Greatham Residents Association held 11th July 2016 in Greatham
Community Centre.**

Committee Present:

Dorothy Clark
Linda Dempsey – Secretary
Margaret Hammond
Malcolm Thompson - Chairperson
Sheila Kell

Apologies:

Andrew Merifield – Treasurer
Andrew Rees

Public:

C. Richardson	B J Measor
A Matthews	G Veart
B Gullon	R Smith
K Sharpe	B R Walker
C Measor	M J Dempsey

1. **Welcome by Chair:** MT as Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM of the GRA and thanked everyone for their support over the last year and introduced the representatives from HBC Planning department.
2. Prior to the AGM a short presentation was given by Malcolm Steele and Fiona Riling of HBC Planning Department on the new local plan.
3. Questions and Answers were on going throughout and at the end of the presentation by members of the public and committee.
4. **Treasurers Report:** In the absence of AM, LD presented the financial information:

LD confirmed that the bank account had an amount of £1194.15, however £1100 of this was donated for funding for the replacement fencing around the green, leaving a balance of £94.15.

5. **Chairpersons Report:** As a group, we have met on a number of occasions through the past year. Not Monthly but as we felt there was an issue to be dealt with. We have had public meetings as and when necessary.

The committee remained the same throughout the year and I thank them all for their support and look forward to their continuing assistance in the coming year.

Unfortunately, Margaret Hammond will not be standing as a committee member in the coming year. We all would like to express our thanks for her past contributions. All other members remain for re-election.

The Association was brought into being when the first rural plan and the proposed Claxton Farm development were presented by the Parish Council. We were instigated to bring an additional voice for the village's views and assist in a common objective.

Since then we have tried to assist the concerns of the villagers and to protect and preserve the village and its surroundings.

We have since starting:

Helped in the modifications to the Claxton Farm development.

Instigated and developed our very own Village Website which attracts attention for far afield as well as from local interest.

Brought High Speed Broadband to our Village.

Undertaken a number of litter picks in the village and surrounds.

6. **The next 12 months:** We are at present beginning to undertake:

- 1) Trying to obtain funds for the replacement of the vandalised fencing rail around our village green
- 2) A village archive of its memories (photos and objects) which will be digitally kept for centuries to come.
- 3) To develop the archive to produce a number of 'History / Heritage boards through the village describing its past in those areas. We will be helped in this area by Mr Brian Walker.
- 4) In association with Greatham in Bloom and others we will assist in the bringing back to Greatham the only remaining 'nodding donkey' (used by Cerebos to extract brine) and site it with a history of the now defunct Railway Station.
- 5) To develop welcome packs for new residents to Greatham village to enable our new neighbours to become fully integrated into village life and to promote the good works undertaken by the many village organisations.
- 6) These are all very labour intensive and although we are confident in attaining funds, will need a good input from the public.

7. **Election of Committee Members:** All members stood for re-election and the following were confirmed in post:

Malcolm Thompson - Chairperson

Linda Dempsey - Secretary

Andrew Merifield – Treasurer

8. **Review of Constitution:** The following changes were proposed and accepted.

Section 5 i - Minutes will be distributed to the committee members as soon as possible, replaces the wording to the committee members within 7 days.

Section 7 a - Public meetings of the members shall be regularly held to discuss matters of importance and to keep the members fully informed of the group's activities, replaces the wording Public meetings will be held 3 times per year.

Section 8 c – The quorum shall be 50% committee members present, replaces the wording quorum shall be 5 committee members present.

Section 9 b - For decisions to be taken there must be a quorum of at least 50% committee members present. The voting shall be by simple majority of those present replaces the wording be a quorum of at least 5 committee members present.

9. **Any other Business:** Nothing raised.