



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

13th October 1998

Brentham Club, Meadvale Road

Residents in attendance : approximately 46

Committee Members Present : Mark Greenwood, Lawrence Hamilton, Julie Gibson, Heather Moore, Rosanna Henderson, Elizabeth Atkinson, Philip Sutcliffe.

The meeting was in two parts.

Part 1 : Co-partnership Garden Suburbs - a Quest

Talk given by Steve Smith - full account published in December newsletter.

Part 2 : Main business

Minutes of 1997 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting - proposed by Bevan Elliott and seconded by Mrs German.

Chairman's report

Mark Greenwood reported that the last year had been a busy one for the society,

- **Membership**
Despite the increase in membership fee (from £1 to £2) the Society has increased its membership by 30 over last year and now stands at 272. Thanks go to all the membership collectors.
- **Planning**
There had been 34 planning applications, a large proportion in relation to extensions and loft conversions. There had been some difficult decisions but the committee had given due consideration to all of them. Thanks to the Brentham Advisory Panel for their help. Some work had been done on revising the Planning Guidelines which will soon be available for public consultation. Thanks to Heather Moore, Pam Turner and Clive Hicks for all their work.
- **Education**
Every household had received a welcome pack thanks to the efforts of Rosanna Henderson and the Archives were growing thanks to Alan Henderson. Thanks also to Clive Hicks for giving a talk at the May Day Evening and for leading the Open House walks which Julie Gibson had organised.
- **Centenary**
Planning for the publication of a book was well underway even though the application for the society to become a charity, to help in raising funds, had been turned down.
- **Socials**
A number of social events were held during the year and thanks go to all those who gave their time to help organise and run them and of course to all those who attended. A number of events were held in "our spiritual home" - the Brentham Institute - and special thanks go to them for letting us use their facilities in return for us distributing some of their literature in our Welcome packs.

Mark announced he was standing down from the committee and thanked all those who had helped him during his term of office - particularly the support he had had from the other committee members.

Vote of thanks

Heather Moore proposed a vote of thanks to Mark for all his hard work and the contribution he has made to the Society whilst serving on the committee and presented him with a bottle of champagne.

Treasurer's report

Lawrence Hamilton reported on the financial position of the society.

1998 saw an underlying surplus of £400 compared to an underlying deficit of £200 in the previous year - the three principle reasons being doubling of membership fee, drop in the stationery costs and reduction in costs for social events (especially those held in the Brentham Institute).

The Treasurer was pleased to see that stationery expenses had been kept down and noted the increase in events run which had generated improved income. However he noted that there had been no craft fair stalls during the year and gave an open invitation for someone to revive the events as in the past they have been a valuable source of income. In conclusion, the Society's finances are stable.

The accounts were accepted by the members, proposed by Nigel Harvey, seconded by Barbara Murray.

The Book Project

Wendy Sender outlined the background to the project and the current position. A small committee has been established, primarily to raise funds, an author has been selected and a timetable has been drawn up to aim for publication in mid 2000. It was noted that copyright would rest with the Society.

Lawrence Hamilton outlined the financial plan and options for the type of publication we could produce based on the level of funds raised. It was stated that no membership fees would be used to contribute to the costs of the project.

The membership were encourage to support the project and offers were sought from anyone interested in helping on any aspect.

Election of Committee for 1998/99

The following residents were elected to the Committee :

Heather Moore (127 Fowlers Walk); Rosanna Henderson (47 Meadvale Road);
Sue van-Raat (16 Neville Road); Sue Chandler (44 Woodfield Crescent);
Paula Fenech (45 Ludlow Road); Jackie Moss (34 Brentham Way);
Krystyna MacKersie (39 Brentham Way); George Barnes (13 Brentham Way)

Garden Awards

Elizabeth Atkinson announced the garden awards :

Andrew White	20 Brunner Road	Spring Award
Peter & Mandy Walker	26 Ludlow Road	Summer Award
John Rolfe	85 Fowlers Walk	Autumn Award
Brian Vaughan	64 Meadvale Road	All Seasons Rose Bowl

Raffle

Any Other Business

1. It was noted that the path from Holyoake Walk to Pitshanger Lane was in a dangerous state due to the works on the Church Hall. The committee will contact the Council.
2. A number of residents raised concerns about the planning application for a two storey building behind Fowlers Walk. It was noted that David Humphries will be standing down from the planning advisory panel as he has an interest in the application. Pat Baxendale announced that the advisory panel would be opposing the application. All residents were asked to support the campaign to get the application rejected.
3. Residents were asked to keep hedges trimmed where they run alongside public alleyways.