



# THE HENBURY CONSERVATION SOCIETY

## Annual General Meeting - 15th October 2014

### Minutes of meeting commenced at 19:30 in Henbury Village Hall

Present: Chris Carroll (Chair), Tim Parkinson (Secretary), Andrew Chugg ( Treasurer ) and 21 members.

Apologies: Joyce Steele, Marie Page, Lisa Parkinson, Ted Moss and Kitty Moss

### Welcome and Chairman's report

Chris Carroll welcomed everyone to the annual general meeting and then presented her report for the year which is attached at Annex A.

### Minutes of 2013 AGM

These had been circulated with the agenda and Chris pointed out that the two matters highlighted in that report were, unfortunately, still outstanding. They are a) The railings in Church Lane and b) Renewal of the Finger Post at the bottom of Church Lane by the mini-roundabout.

### Report from Treasurer

Andrew Chugg reported a satisfactory position as below.

	2012-2013 Balances	2013-2014 Expenditure	2013-2014 Income	2013-2014 Balances
Lloyds a/c 00371196	1715.22	344.02	34.2	1405.40 (404.80 Trees)
Lloyds a/c 2089404	302.95	-	-	302.95
National Savings ( Trees )	Closed	-	-	-
TOTALS	2018.17	344.02	34.2	1708.35

### Election of Officers

Chris Carroll said she was standing down as chair after five years in order to concentrate her energies on the Blaise Community Garden. Fran Greenfield proposed that the members express their appreciation which they did with a round of applause.

Despite an appeal from Chris no one was willing to be nominated as her replacement and the post was left vacant.

After a proposal from Dennis Broe with Judy Dunn as seconder Tim Parkinson was elected as Secretary and Andrew Chugg was elected as Treasurer to serve another year.

Fran Greenfield proposed the meeting express their gratitude to Chris for all her work for the Society. This they did with a resounding round of applause

Tim said he would continue to maintain the website and the mailing list in order to ensure the Society continues as active entity. He requested that anyone with ideas for activities and/or talks contact him and he would assist that person to organise it. Charles Claxton volunteered to organise next year's walk. It was noted that Kim and Greg Ashdown-Hoare already had the Village Party on the 20<sup>th</sup> December well in hand.

## **World War One and Local Memory**

Fran Greenfield reported on the success of the first half of the exhibition displayed in St Mary's and went on to promote the second exhibition commemorating the part played by local people in the Great War from 1916 onwards.

In reply to a question from Tim Parkinson as to whether a digital record could be created she said that a complete index would be made after the end of the second exhibition.

## **Bristol Green Capital 2015**

Mark Weston briefed the meeting on the three funds available for projects which meet the green / environmental criteria. He advised that the fund which had a limit of £10,000 per application was the best one to go for. He undertook to establish how the Community Garden project could get access to the Training Room in the garden as this would be a good candidate for a renovation grant.

## **A o B**

Tim Parkinson told the meeting about the Tree Pips city wide plan to plant 36,000 trees involving school children. Helen Humphries, the Tree Pips officer for the city has drafted a plan with the local Search Group to plant an avenue along part of the National Cycle Path on Arnall green space and other trees adjacent to the Trymwood Close development. The plan would be open to public consultation. See document circulated with these minutes.

Charles Claxton said that there was a quantity of large tree saplings in the Blaise Kitchen garden which no one seemed to want. Mark Weston said he could possibly help on these and he also said in response to the problem of trees growing out of the walls in the garden raised by Chris that, with more information, he could help there too.

## **Henbury's Great House**

There being no other business the meeting moved on to enjoy a fascinating illustrated talk by Andrew Chugg on Henbury's Great House. He showed convincing evidence for the actual locations of both the Great House and Old Henbury Manor which were different from those often quoted. He also showed how much the local roads had been moved around over two centuries. Tim proposed and the meeting responded with much applause to thank Andrew for his detailed and thorough research. Those present showed great interest in the historic maps and drawings.

Post meeting note: As part of his well illustrated talk Andrew showed us an image of the statue of Neptune standing on a dolphin which features in the Kip engraving of the Great House in 1710 with the information that the statue had been moved to the grounds of Woodstock School in 1952. He raised the question of where it was now? Tim Parkinson has been able to locate the statue lying hidden near the Woodstock School building.

## **Annex A**

### **HENBURY CONSERVATION SOCIETY (1970 to 2014) Chairperson's review 2013-2014. By Christine Carroll.**

Our Xmas Party ended 2013 on a high note, not only being great fun but also raising £1215 towards the Village Hall funds. A number of our multi-talented members made a huge effort, not only on the night but rehearsing for the event.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> after painstakingly digging a stony hole we planted an oak tree to commemorate Marguerite Tonkin's contribution to Henbury. It was wonderful to see such a large turnout, including Marguerite's family to honor her memory.

On a lovely summer's evening in July we had a village walk. Tim Parkinson, Charles Claxton and I talked about the historical gems in our unique village, the renovated Cottrell Seat (an interesting perspective of Blaise), the Dairy Garden and Community Garden (renovation of the old kitchen garden). The walk culminated in a contrasting 60's architectural view and interesting talk about Castle Close by Ted Moss.

Kitty and Ted Moss kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

After opening for just over a year volunteers have made huge progress in renovating and putting into production the old kitchen garden (1795), now known as Blaise Community Garden. This lies in the center of our Conservation Area. The Community Garden took place in Bristol's 'Get Growing Trail' and attracted a huge number of people from all over Bristol. Stalls were held on Crow Lane's Fun Day and Blaise Dog Show with an abundance and variety of produce. A number of our volunteers are HCS members and don't have far to go for their vegetables.

I am retiring from my position as Chairperson after 5 years in office, to spend more time on the Community Garden. I wish to thank you all for the support I have received during this time.

NEXT EVENT: Xmas Party in the VILLAGE HALL .Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm for 7.30pm.  
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