

WANTAGE AND GROVE CAMPAIGN GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 22nd JUNE 2023

METHODIST CHAPEL, NEWBURY STREET, WANTAGE

Executive members present: Julie Mabberley (Campaign Manager), Geoff Rice (Chairman, also acting Treasurer), Julia Reynolds (Secretary), Bernard Connelly, Stuart Cook, Joyce Hutchinson, Terry Knight and Nicole Rawlings.

There were 24 members of the public in attendance, along with some attending via zoom.

1. The Chairman, Geoff Rice, welcomed everyone in attendance and those on zoom.
2. The minutes of the 2022 AGM were available for review and were accepted by those present who are signed up as members. There were no questions raised.
3. The Annual Accounts for the year ended 28/2/2023 were available for review and were accepted by those present who are signed up as members. There were no questions raised.
4. The Campaign Manager's report was available for review and was accepted by those present who are signed up as members. There were no questions raised.
5. Election of the WaGCG Executive Committee: The Chairman expressed his thanks to the serving Exec. Committee, and he also expressed his thanks to Nicole Rawlings who is stepping down having served since 2015. Existing members of the Exec. Committee who were willing to continue are: Bernard Connelly, Stuart Cook, Barry Gooch, Joyce Hutchinson, Terry Knight, Julie Mabberley, Julia Reynolds, Geoff Rice. The Chairman asked if there was anyone interested in joining the Exec. Committee as there is room for new members. No-one expressed an interest at the time, but were encouraged to consider it as they can join by co-option. The existing members were re-elected by a show of hands.

The formal business of the AGM ended. Julie Mabberley thanked Geoff for his work as Chairman and for his work behind the scenes.

The remainder of the evening was focussed on the meeting's title "Where has all the Money Gone?" Julie gave a brief insight into Section 106 monies and the latest figures from the District Council and the County Council. She then introduced the speakers for the evening, who focussed on different aspects of infrastructure funding by developer contributions, the legal framework and what funds are available for people in the OX12 area, and how do organisations in OX12 obtain funding for their projects. The speakers were: Dan Sames who is a lecturer in Planning at Oxford Brookes University and is also a councillor on Cherwell DC, then two officers from the VWHDC - Simon Hewings (Head of Finance) and Mark Hewer (Infrastructure and Development Team Leader).