

# Ludlow 21

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
for financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018  
held at the Feathers Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Megan Blackmore  
Tish Dockerty  
Kim Holroyd  
Liz Taylor  
Ian Urry  
John Daniels  
Chris Deaves  
John Perry  
Bettina Selby  
Jo Phelps  
Robin Pote  
Richard Ellis  
Peta Sams  
Phil Sams  
Jane Cullen  
Hugh Cullen  
David Thompson  
Kate Norman  
Peter Norman

**Apologies:**

Nino Binns  
Jenny Bryant  
David Currant  
Clare Currant  
Denise Thompson  
Roger Furniss  
Sylvia Duffy  
Philip Adams  
Anne Adams

Guest speaker – Gordon Coppock

## **1. Introduction and Apologies**

Tish Dockerty gave a brief introduction, introduced the Board and officers, and read out the apologies as listed above.

## **2. Minutes of the AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**

Peter Norman proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Kate Norman seconded. All present voted in favour.

## **3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ending 31.03.18**

A written report from the Treasurer had previously been circulated to members. John Daniels summarised the differences between an earlier version of the accounts which had been circulated and an amended version.

There were no questions.

Liz Taylor proposed that the accounts were accepted. Peter Norman seconded. All present voted in favour.

#### **4. Directors' Report**

A written report had previously been circulated to members. Tish Dockerty gave a summary of the report and thanked all members of the Board for their input, reminding the meeting that all Directors and Officers are volunteers.

Robin Pote gave a verbal report on the activities of the Swift group.

Tish Dockerty thanked Liz Taylor, who was standing down from the Board, for her long service, and presented her with a card and gift.

#### **5. Election of Directors**

A nomination paper had been received proposing Chris Deaves for election to the Board, proposed by Liz Taylor and seconded by Megan Blackmore. Chris gave a brief biography. All present voted in favour of the nomination, and Chris Deaves was duly elected to the Board.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **Energy Group**

Chris Deaves had circulated a proposal for a new Energy group within Ludlow 21. Chris presented his proposal to the meeting.

Peter Norman suggested that reducing energy use is as important as renewable generation. Chris agreed and confirmed that usage reduction is in the plan. Gordon Coppock offered to link up with Chris on this project. Chris agreed to set up the group and welcomed members to join.

##### **Position on proposed development in Mortimer Forest**

On behalf of the Board, Ian Urry led a discussion on the proposals by Forest Holidays to develop 68 luxury chalets in Mortimer Forest.

The Board had initially assumed that Ludlow 21 members would be unanimously against this development but had discovered that this was not the case. The Board remained minded to oppose the plans on sustainability grounds but wanted to give members opportunities to express their views.

A member queried what was happening in Ludlow. Tish Dockerty pointed out the work of the Save Mortimer Forest campaign group. Chris Deaves said that People 4 Ludlow had also come to the conclusion that this was not sustainable for Ludlow and that there was lots of information on the P4L website.

Peter Norman posed the question – is this good for Ludlow? - and felt that it is hard to know until it has been tried. Peter further stated that whether it is good for the Forest is a complex question, but felt that it was certainly not good in a national context.

Megan Blackmore pointed out that both Shropshire and Herefordshire Wildlife Trusts had expressed their opposition to the development.

A vote was not taken, but the general impression of the meeting was that the majority of attendees were opposed to this development.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.15pm

There followed a very informative talk on the subject of electric cars by Gordon Coppock of Kington KLEEN