

STANDISH VOICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27th, 2021

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm via Zoom due to the situation with COVID-19

Committee present: Gill Foster, Paul Ogden, Sarah Djali, Ron Wade, Nicky Ogden, Allan Foster, Diane Gore, Brian Jones, Janet Monks, Karen Bliss, Kathy Robertson, Andrew Holliday, Ian Trafford, Dave King

1. **Apologies:** Fran Aiken
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2020 AGM were passed without alteration.
3. **Annual reports:**
 - i) **Chair's Report.** Gill Foster, Chair of Standish Voice, gave her Annual Report of the past year. This included Standish Voice (SV) being redesignated as a Neighbourhood Forum for another five years by Wigan Council. She said that SV had joined with the village's three councillors to establish Standish Coronavirus Help which had been successful in supporting many people in Standish during the pandemic. She thanked the committee for their hard work with this, especially Treasurer Karen Bliss. She said SV had been in discussion with Wigan Council over projects linked to 106 agreements signed with housing developers. Public consultation on this would take place in 2021. She also thanked the committee for work on various projects and Nic Macmillan who stood down from the committee. Gill said Standish Voice now had almost 1,500 members (see the SV website for the full report).
 - ii) **Vice Chair's Report.** Paul Ogden, Vice Chair of Standish Voice, gave his Annual Report to include other projects, including the Save The Crown campaign, which had been successful in retaining The Crown pub, which had now reopened. He said SV had set up a website and Facebook page promoting local businesses during the pandemic and its own Facebook page now had 10,000 followers. He said that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the usual Standish Christmas Market could not take place but a successful online market did, which included videoed entertainment. He thanked everyone involved in this, including Kathy Robertson and Ian Trafford (see the SV website for the full report).
4. **Annual Accounts:** Treasurer Karen Bliss presented the annual accounts saying that they were healthy. She said a large number of items relating to the purchase of groceries had gone through the accounts in relation to Standish Coronavirus Help. The committee agreed to accept the accounts and Gill thanked Karen for her hard work as Treasurer – especially in relation to the pandemic – during the past year.
5. **Election of Committee Members:** Four members of the committee came to the end of their three-year tenure and all wanted to stand again. As no other members had expressed a wish to stand, all four were re-elected to the committee for another three years. They were Andrew Holliday, Nicky Ogden, Gill Foster and Karen Bliss.
6. **Election of Officers:** Gill was unanimously re-elected as Chair; Paul was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chair; Ron was unanimously re-elected as Membership Secretary and Karen was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm