

# **STANDISH VOICE**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

January 16th, 2024, 7.45pm

Albert's, School Lane

**Committee present:** Gill Foster, Paul Ogden, Sarah Djali, Nicky Ogden, Allan Foster, Diane Gore, Janet Monks, Karen Bliss, Kathy Robertson, Sharon Gerrard, Andrew Holliday, Fran Aiken.

1. **Apologies:** Ron Wade.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2023 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, including information about projects progressed with Wigan Council; leading the campaign against the widening of School Lane which was eventually dropped and campaigning against the use of Kilhey Court hotel by Serco in housing asylum seekers, which was due to end in March.
  - ii) **Vice Chair's Report.** Paul Ogden, Vice Chair of Standish Voice, gave his Annual Report which included information about another successful Standish Christmas Market, being involved with the Save Standish Spire appeal and campaigning to improve services at Standish Medical Practice.
4. **Annual Accounts:** Treasurer Karen Bliss presented the annual accounts saying that they were healthy. The committee agreed to accept the accounts and Gill thanked Karen for her hard work as Treasurer during the past year.
5. **Election of Committee Members:** Judith Atherton expressed an interest to join the committee and as there was a vacancy, she was elected unopposed to the committee and was welcomed by Gill. Four members of the committee came to the end of their three-year tenure and all four wanted to stand again. As no other members had expressed a wish to stand, they were re-elected to the committee unopposed for another three years. They were Gill Foster, Karen Bliss, Rev Andrew Holliday and Nicky Ogden.
6. **Election of Officers:** Gill was unanimously re-elected as Chair, Paul was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chair and Karen was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm