

## **Oxmoor Community Action Group**

### **OCAG**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held  
10:00 September 7<sup>th</sup> 2008  
St. Barnabas Learning Centre

**Present:** Jill Watking-Tavener (chairperson) Georgie Andrews (vice Chair) Brian Gardener (HDC parks), Judith Arnold (HDC), Joan Walsh (CCS/PCT), Hemat Samani (resident), Lorraine Walis (Luminus Warden), Diana Richardson (Resident), Diane Lane (CCC/OOP), Patrick Kadewere (HCG), Chris Osborn (HTC/resident), Jeff Dutton (HDC/CCC) Guest - Mike Shellens.

**Apologies:** Mayor of Huntingdon, Sharon Whittington, Mark Berry, Amanda Buckingham George Robins, Julie Swallow (minutes secretary)

### **3. Chairman's Report**

Wow The year has been actively successful. At first I thought what has OCAG been doing, it's so easily to forget.

OCAG has had it's stressful movements a long with sad ones, we have said good by to: Derek Adams, Peter Morris, and Mike Simpson. All three have played a huge part in the community and played an important part in the operation of OCAG.

At a recent MUG's meeting Derek said the best way to say thank you would be to carry on the work and continue being a key player in the development of our community.

But it needs to be recognised - Oxmoor would not have turned around without the input, dedication, support plus energy of these team members.

#### **OCAG Projects**

**The Fireworks display 2007** was explosive, 4000+ spectators. Vandalism and anti social behaviour was greatly reduced. The change to the field layout, together with increase of vendors and funfair stalls added to the enjoyment. The group is working towards this years display, at present waiting for Town Council decision on OCAG grant application.

#### **Unity in the Community**

Held at St. Peters School, OCAG's table was a success many interested people looking at OCAG web page.

**Moor in Bloom 2008** has done it again –

This year MIB was launched at Thongsley School where with the help of Paul Smith & HDC a cherry tree was planted in the school front garden.

To improve on last year more floral arrangements were needed, this was made possible by the support of Luminus the sub group purchased 15 hanging baskets for the square, + bought equipment for the **Allotments**.

Trying out the equipment in pouring rain new beds were dug, The allotments were judged by HDC, winning several individual prizes. In addition the allotments were presented with an 'On the Spot' certificate given by the Anglia in Bloom judges the day of their visit to Oxmoor.

The day the judges arrived the sun shone down on Oxmoor - This year Oxmoor received a Silver Gilt - well done to everyone, particularly Paul "Thank you"

### **New Management for Oxmoor**

There are a couple of new developments, OCAG is represented on Neighbourhood Management Team and taken the lead in developing a Neighbourhood agreement to get residents and services working together in tackling local problems. Starting with two introductions on 14<sup>th</sup> October at the Oaktree Centre. They are: Clean & Tidy and Peace & Quiet. There are a few places left, and lunch is provided if interested please let Jack or Diane know.

### **Finance**

At the 2005 AGM it was agreed Pauline assumed the duties of Treasurer, leaving a Treasurer to be elected as and when Trustees deemed necessary.

BulleyDavey was appointed when Pauline retired. This arrangement is not working as well as expected, therefore Trustees will be looking towards reinstating a Treasurer as soon as possible.

Mike Shellens has agreed to explain the reasons behind this.

#### **4) BulleyDavey accounts – Audited accounts**

Mike Shellens clarified the problems experienced in producing the Balance sheets, also talked members through the revised copy, then continued to explain;

All though the accounts promoted the changed date of the AGM from July to September they were unable to have a draft copy ready in good time for the AGM. OCAG was unable to distribute the accounts two weeks before this AGM and once to hand several typing errors came to light, a small part of the accounting problem compared to the calculation errors.

The accountants have corrected the mistakes, and tabled today is a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft copy. It is suggested we look at these now to satisfy ourselves these figures are in order. Any errors can be corrected before the next OCAG meeting November 4<sup>th</sup>. This will afford us the opportunity to receive a signed copy two weeks prior to November meeting when members will have the chance to spend ten minutes to accept the Balance Sheet before continuing with the meeting.

Further more Note 4 of the balance sheet shows £85.00 as OCAG balance. This is something the Trustees should address immediately to considering sources of grants available to cover the running cost of OCAG.

Chairman reported: SJLL are seeking alternative managers of the nursery school. Huntingdon District Council have partially agreed to make a 'one-off' grant to reimburse the payroll expense OCAG has incurred via the service it offers to HDC.

### **ELECTION of Officers:**

Chairman stepped down, Vice Chair continued the meeting, first giving thanks to the chairman for managing a very difficult year.

### **APPOINTED:**

5. Chairman:                   **Jill Watkin-Tavener**  
proposed by Jeff Dutton, seconded Georgie Andrews.  
All members in agreement
6. Vice Chair:                 **Georgie Andrews**  
proposed by Jill Watkin-Tavener, seconded Brian Gardner  
All members in agreement
7. Minute Secretary       **Julie Swallow** – Manager of St. Barnabas  
Everyone Agreed
8. Members                   **Members** present were adopted on block.  
An email will be sent to absent groups for confirmation of  
their continued representation as an OCAG member.

### **9. Next OCAG AGM Meeting** 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT OCAG MEEING:

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2008** – at St. Barnabas Learning  
Refreshments served at **09:45** for 10:00 start

Agenda items should be forward to Jill by last working day of each month