



the Henbury Society

MINUTES of the Twenty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Henbury Society
held at the Church Hall on Tuesday, 21st May 2019

1. Apologies for Absence

Anne Common, Janet & Mike Tute, Rosemary & Rodney Savage

2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Minutes of 2018 AGM were accepted as being a true record and were approved by the Committee on the 14th June 2018. No matters arising. They have been published on the website.

3. Chairman's Report.

Roger began by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and in particular the President and Committee for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Unfortunately, we shall shortly be losing our longstanding committee member, Sylvia Warburton as she and Ian will be moving away. He thanked them both for their dedication to the Henbury community, especially when we were writing the Parish Plan several years ago.

Sylvia was presented with a floral bouquet and our best wishes for the future and he appealed for someone to take her place on the committee.

He updated the audience on the work that the Society has undertaken in the last 12 months and what is in view for next year.

- **IT and T sessions**

Age Concern, Northwich ran several sessions in the Church Hall and even though those who attended have benefitted it was felt that if any further tuition was required this should be carried out on a one to one basis in the person's own home for a modest fee if necessary.

- **Data Protection Policy**

This was updated at the beginning of 2019. It is available on the website and is also printed on the reverse of the welcome letter.

- **Village Clean Up**

Last year only 3 people turned up. This was extremely disappointing. It is hoped that more people will attend this year on the 8th June commencing at 09.30 from the Church Hall car park. It has also been suggested that more than one clean-up per year be held, the suggested timings are spring and autumn. Trevor Newton has organised the necessary equipment to be provided.

- **Floral Planter Maintenance**

John Russell was thanked for maintaining the planters.

- Operation Shield

This is a scheme which is run by the police and 20 kits were purchased at a reduced price of £10.00 which enable valuable items to be marked and if stolen can be checked by an ultra-violet light and checked against a register held by Selecta DNA. Three people never received the follow-up e-mail from Selecta DNA and due to the amount of wasted time that was spent on this it was decided not to pursue it any further.

- Contribution to the Defibrillator

The Henbury Society contributed £200 towards this. The defibrillator is housed in its own cabinet at the entrance to the Church Hall with full instructions for use.

- Supporting the Parish Council on Planning Matters

The Henbury Society has supported the Parish Council on the recent planning applications for the land between Henbury and Broken Cross. A great deal of time was spent on raising objections to Cheshire East Council but they were unsuccessful in getting these applications halted. The PC is now monitoring the detailed planning phases.

- Supporting the Parish Council on Broadband Improvement

Following the Survey on Henbury Online over 100 households have shown interest in faster broadband. The original proposal for an additional cabinet to be installed in the village has been rejected by Open Reach as it relies on outdated technology. Any improvement would involve fibre direct to the property which will be costly. Grant aid may be available. Mike Wood is in consultation with Open Reach as to the way forward and the village website E Mail will be used keep residents informed.

- Henbury Online

This is financed by the Parish Council and run by the Henbury Society. The web team are Anne Common, Mike Wood and Roger Cousin. It has developed a core of regular visitors with about 8500 hits last year, mainly direct to the site by people who know the site address. However, visits via Facebook etc. are increasing and Google Analytics shows us which type of articles draw the most interest. It is developing nicely but we appeal to residents to send us news and comment to keep it alive.

- The Coming Year.

We intend to continue running and developing Henbury Online, supporting the PC on Planning and other matters, and maintain the floral planters. We will run more than one village clean up and encourage more residents to take part. We will try to extend membership and we welcome any ideas from members regarding other activities the Society might get involved in.

4. Treasurer's Report

Liz gave a brief overview of the Societies finances.

Income: £719.69

Expenditure: £776.59

Deficit: £ 63.90

A copy of the full balance sheet is attached.

It is hoped to improve the number of membership donations.

5. Election of the Executive and Committee Members

The re-election of the following Executive and Committee members was proposed by David Plews, seconded by David Nuttall and approved unanimously.

President: Francis Graham-Smith

Chairman: Roger Cousin

Treasurer: Liz Welton

Secretary: Christine Featherstone

Committee Members

Anne Common, John Russell, Michael Wotton, Trevor Newton

6. Any Other Business

It was agreed to follow a helpful suggestion from a member that, when asking for volunteers or notifying events, reminder e-mail be sent to members as not everyone regularly checks the web-site.

Prepared by Christine Featherstone
25th May 2019

