

## Guardians of Strutts

### Minutes of Guardians of Strutts Annual General Meeting Held on Friday 2nd February 2018 at Strutts (20.12) in Room 14

#### **1. Apologies:**

Rob Bolton, Kath Carvell, Sheena Dearle, Sheila Featherby, Joan Hardy, Alan Melbourne, Ann Newport, Henry Pielacki, Ian Samways, Sue Slater, Val Walters,

#### **2. Those Present: (18)**

Madeline Eley, Malcom Goodman, Janet Honey, Cynthia Maddock, Eric Manning, Kathleen Manning, Nick McLeod, Pat McLeod, Carolyn Murcutt, Kay Ramsbottom, Paul Ramsbottom, Neil Riddle, Pam Ryder, Frank Smith, Sue Salaun, Sue Smith, Alan Wagstaff, Edward Wint

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

Joan Hardy proposed that the minutes for the previous AGM be approved.

Proposed: Kay Ramsbottom  
Seconded: Carolyn Murcutt  
Carried: Unanimously

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

As chairman I would like to record my thanks to my fellow Trustees and all the volunteers that have contributed to the success of this Project.

The Trustees of Guardians of Strutts for this year were:

Janet Honey, Cynthia Maddock, Eric Manning (Treasurer), Kathleen Manning, Nick McLeod (Chairman), Neil Riddle, Frank Smith.

The Guardians of Strutts has a wholly owned subsidiary, called Strutts Centre Limited that operates the Strutts site and passes all operating surpluses to Guardians of Strutts.

The primary aims of the overall Project are to provide self-funding community facilities and to restore the Herbert Strutt School site to its former glory.

The policy of GOS is to cover all operating cost out of revenue. Commercial activities are being developed to create income streams to make the Project sustainable in the long term whilst breaking even in the short term. It will not borrow against the assets. It will use operating surpluses and grant aid to restore the site and develop the facilities.

The Project is run entirely by unpaid volunteers, and at this stage it is not financially viable without their efforts. I would heartily like to thank all those who have helped in any way to make all this possible.

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### **5. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts**

Eric Manning presented the attached accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017. He made a comparison with the previous years by means of a pie chart to show how the Project has progressed over the last 8 years. He described the financial position as "healthy" and a firm base from which to move forward.

Nick McLeod explained the conditions concerning the Ryklow Trust Grant in the accounts.

Madeline Eley proposed approval of the accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Proposed: Madeline Eley  
Seconded: Paul Ramsbottom  
Carried: Unanimously

### **6. Election of Officers for 2018**

All the Trustees offered themselves for re-election.

Sue Smith proposed that the Trustees be re-elected en-block as follows:

Nick McLeod (Chair)  
Janet Honey  
Cynthia Maddock  
Eric Manning (Treasurer)  
Kathleen Manning  
Neil Riddle  
Frank Smith

Proposed: Sue Smith  
Seconded: Alan Wagstaff  
Carried: Unanimously

### **7. Appointment of Auditor**

Eric Manning proposed that Dale Accounting Service be appointed as Auditors.

Proposed: Eric Manning  
Seconded: Kay Ramsbottom  
Carried: Unanimously

### **8. A.O.B.**

There followed a discussion about the growth prospects for the use of the site, currently projected to be a 12% increase. Frank Smith estimated that with budget cuts by local authorities we could experience up to 36% growth in bookings which will be a real challenge for the Project.

The meeting closed at 21.03.