

Biggin Hill Residents Association

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| **Date** | Monday 13th January 2025 |  |
| Location | Blundell’s Biggin Hill |  |
| Those present: Rosemary Charleton, , Kim Cross, Michael Saxon, Luan Hannaford, Peter Martin, Tony Scullion,, Annie Webb, Ian Ramage  Tim Pope, Melanie Stevens |  | |

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| Agenda Item | | Action | Person responsible |
| 1 | **To Open the Meeting** | Peter opened the meeting by wishing everyone a belated Happy Christmas and New Year, and moved straight on to Apologies | Peter |
| 2 | **Apologies** | Apologies were received from Simon Turner, David Haslam and Sophie Dunbar. |  |
| 3 | **Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November 2024** | These were agreed as follows:  Proposed: Melanie  Seconded: Annie  Passed: All |  |
| **4** | **Financial Report** | Tony had produced his usual spreadsheet, and ran through it with us:  There was little activity during December – receipts totalled £44 (membership fees)and payments were £275.80, which were largely a defibrillator battery at £250.00, leaving total funds of £2,336.35.  Thanks to Tony | Tony |
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| **5** | **Requests for Funding** | There were none. |  |
| **6** | **IT Update** | Ian is working on the website and has added phone Nos. from St Marks list. The transfer from TSO was OK, but the email didn’t transfer, so he needs to set it up on 123 Reg, which is £30 per annum and Ian can then monitor the account.  Regarding Mailchimp, Tim made 3 points – 2 members have been deleted from Mailchimp, one of which is Brian Lewis, who can only be reinstated under a slightly different name. Bob Shekyls wife is still paying. There are 308 email addresses and 199 paid up members. | Ian, Tim |
| **7** | **Publicity** | Tim suggested Eventbrite should be linked to the website for advertising events.  Luan said we should have an annual calendar | Luan  Tim |
| **8** | **Social Events** | The next event is the Chinese New Year lunch on the 1st February at the Choi Pin restaurant which Annie is organising in conjunction with the restaurant. At the moment there are 20 bookings, which is about half the number required. A children’s entertainer has been booked and the lunch should raise £250.  On the 22nd March there is a general quiz, which will be 7 for 7.30pm at the Squash club. Tickets are expected to be around £7.50, to include snacks and prizes.  On 26th April we have the St George’s day evening at St. Mark’s church. The band booked, costing £150, is the Hoi Polloi, which has 3 members and a caller. Also booked are the Ravensbourne Morris Men, also costing £150, who are aiming to encourage public participation, and they also might sing. The food will be fish & chips from Salisbury’s & choc ices and the intention is to eat in the church hall. There will be 100 tickets on sale at £25 each, with b.y.o drink, with sales via the church office or Eventbrite, start time 7 for 7.30pm to finish by 11pm  Peter agreed to send the link for contacting the band to Luan.  Other suggestions for the year are a Teddy Bear’s picnic on the 11th May from 12-2.30pm with piped music and a children’s entertainer, possibly the girl doing the Choi Pin. Luan will be doing a poster for this.  Cheese and wine at the Crown later this year, date not yet decided, and a disco bingo on September 13th. Kim explained that she needs to raise money for her estate this year, so will not be able to have as many events for the RA.  There is also the Carnival on the 26th June, where we will have a double pitch.  There will also be a litter pick on February 16th | Peter, Annie, Luan |
| **9** | **Defibrillators** | Stephanie Butcher looks after the defibrillators – we have 5, of which 3 are public & 2 are for first responders. The batteries cost £250 a time, and £120 each set for electrodes – we need a fund to allow for this. Stephanie will come to the March meeting and explain in more detail. We discussed the possibility of putting the membership fee up. Melanie will ask around other RA’s how much they charge, and also have to consider the battery life, our are 3 year batteries and Melanie’s is a 5 year battery. | Steph.  Melanie |
| **10** | **Retail Opportunities** | We have about £1,000 worth of merchandise available and sales at the Lookout café and the Flying Machine have dried up a bit, so we need to think how to shift the goods. |  |
| **10** | **A.O.B.** | None |  |

**Date of next Meeting: (all at Blundell’s starting at 7.30pm): Monday 10th February 2025.**