

# **STANDISH VOICE**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17th, 2023

7.45pm, Albert's Standish

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

1. **Apologies:** Dave King.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2022 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; campaigning against the sale by the council of greenfield land on Chorley Road to a developer, which was eventually stopped and responding to planning applications and plans, including the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.
  - ii) **Vice Chair's Report.** Paul Ogden, Vice Chair of Standish Voice, gave his Annual Report which included information about Standish Christmas Market, lobbying for increased opening hours at Standish library and listed other projects which committee members took forward.
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:** Sharon Gerrard 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 three wanted to stand again. As no other members had expressed a wish to stand, the three were re-elected to the committee unopposed for another three years. They were Paul Ogden, Janet Monks and Ron Wade. Dave King resigned as a committee member and Gill thanked him very much for the valuable service he had given to the committee and to Standish, especially in the area of preserving open green space.
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 8.30pm