

Notes of M.E.R.M.S. A.G.M. 2022

held at St. Annes in person and Zoom on 25th October at 7pm.

Present: Caroline, Joyce, Peter F, Patrick, Nigel and Bryan.

Zoom: Jane, Fiona, Trevor, Jack, Michael, Andrew, Robert and Dan.

Apologies: Lady Megan, Jayne, Murphy, Ellis, Graham, David P, Peter D and Andy W.

Opening the meeting it was evident that the video participants could hear the Chairman but we could not hear them. On the understanding that a visual response could be used, or if necessary a telephone reply, the meeting commenced with this type of communication.

Reports: Chairman's, Financial, Saw Mill and G.W.R. reports had been distributed by email to all members with invitations to the A.G.M.

There were no questions raised from members regarding any of the reports.

Thumbs up from all the video participants and members at St.Annes.

Election of Officers. Was a formality as all the officers were happy to continue for another year. Especially as there was no indication from the membership for a change.

Any Other Business.

Peter F. asked if the Saw Mill could have means to accept card payments as well as a cash box with a float, to make collecting money much easier from the public, otherwise sales may be lost. The meeting agreed that this should be implemented asap.

Peter D. circulated (by email to all members via the chairman) his consideration for the improvements to the derelict centre of the G.W.R. As communication was very difficult at this meeting nothing was confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

As Patrick was at St. Annes his opinion of Peter's Picnic area was sought after the A.G.M.

The planting, ground cover and fencing is already covered by our existing planning consent. A bridge would prove extremely difficult for many reasons; health and safety in a public park, historic park planning would need to be granted, structural engineers expenses are exorbitant, expense of heavy structure and erection costs. A level crossing with gates is the viable alternative, well fenced both sides, with warning signs and possibly lights which would not require planning permission nor be expensive.