

HORNINGSEA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A G M MINUTES

27 January 2025

Present: Graham Haynes (Chairman) GH
Pauline Hellowell (Secretary) PH
Hayley Johnstone (Treasurer) HJ

Nicola Gibbs, Helen Harding-Male, Debs Wade,
Catherine Morris, Carolyn Fairhurst, Tessa Pleasants,
Chris Coldron
Will Neale - Chairman - Parish Council.

1. Chairman's Report

The minutes of the previous AGM (22.1.2024) had already been circulated to committee members therefore GH opened the meeting and ran through our calendar of events held in 2024 which had all taken place apart from the Outside Cinema, been well attended and very successful. As previous year Bonfire Night stood out as being our major profitable event and again record numbers had attended. However because of number of cars/people attending event our chairman had been in discussion with Scotsdales re: opening up their parking area on that night. Their manager (Ben) has agreed to this which was very welcome especially now we had the new road/speed signages through the village. GH has already booked Essex Pyrotechnics for this year – Sunday 2 November.

Minutes adopted:

Proposed: Carolyn Fairhurst Seconded: Nicola Gibbs.

2. Apologies:

Julia Impey

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

None as this year the collection from the Christmas Tree Lighting went to the Parish Council Charities which raised £99.08. However our chairman felt that apart from minutes, accounts etc to be sent by email, we use the HRA comms app for remainder of messages etc.

5. Presentation of Accounts

Our Treasurer (HJ) ran through the accounts although these had been circulated within the committee prior to the AGM.. We still held a very healthy surplus in the account of £5959.07 which included the amount of £1284.47 in the Cambridge Building Society which needed to be addressed and amount transferred into Barclays Bank. HJ/PM to sort.

Again as noted our main income came from Bonfire Night. Fireworks had increased quite considerably and that was likely to be the situation again this year especially with the Government banning large fireworks being purchased by the general public for home use in the future; therefore we are more than likely to see larger numbers attending organised events like our own. The event had raised £3486.56

Accounts duly adopted:

Proposed: Helen Harding-Male

Seconded: Nicola Gibbs

6. Horningsea Charities

Will Neale as a trustee of this charity informed the meeting that the £300.00 given last year had helped tremendously with the circulation of Christmas hampers and monetary gifts to less off persons within the village. GH felt with our healthy profit at present we could give more to those needing more help. It was agreed to up the amount to £500.00 this year but be mindful of keeping an eye on our account as everything was increasing along the board.

Carried by committee members.

7. Nomination of Officers

GH (Chair) PH (Secretary) and Hayley Johnston (Treasurer) happy to remain All in agreement

Remainder of the committee were voted in enbloc.

Proposed: Nicola Gibbs

Seconded: Catherine Morris

8. AOB

Debs Wade felt that perhaps we needed to be more mindful of other groups in the village piggy-backing on ours without any previous knowledge – such as on the day or even later. Suggestion that we put on posters in future asking if they needed to be part of an event etc. e.g. – Christmas Tree lighting – and perhaps knowing that the young ones would like to be part of programme. Meeting had no problem with the children singing etc. Nicola Gibbs suggested we liaise in November re: such participation.

Date of Next AGM - 26 January 2026 at 7pm in Pavilion

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Ordinary Meeting followed.

Nos 1- 3 on Agenda as on AGM Minutes.

4. Forthcoming Dates for Diary 2025

Saturday 8th February from 6.30pm	International Evening
Friday 28th March 6pm for 6.30pm	“Eyes Down” Bingo/Fish &Chips
Wednesday 23 April – 12 noon	Senior’s Lunch
Saturday 5 July	Village Day
Saturday 13 July	Horticultural Show
Saturday 13 September	Apple Pressing
Sunday 2 November	Bonfire Night
Sunday 30 November	Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday 19 December	Xmas Meal - Committee/Partners
Monday 26 January 2026	HRA AGM – 7pm
Saturday 7 February 2026	International Evening
Saturday 4 July 2026	Village Day

5. AOB

Events re above dates would be discussed more fully at future meetings to be arranged. (First meeting arranged for Monday 17 March @ 6.30pm Crown & Punchbowl.

Will Neale informed the meeting that a further speed camera would be installed at the south end of the village at a cost of around £200.00. The PC were asking for help re: this amount. It was agreed that the HRA would fund this.

Also the electrics in the jubilee garden were being addressed at a cost of around £825.00. It was agreed within the meeting that we would be pay half of this amount. However our treasurer informed the meeting that we needed to keep an eye on our account as it so easily could reduce.

Nicola Gibbs asked GH when seeding of the bonfire patch would take place. This was in hand and would take place shortly.

Debs Wade informed meeting that the Horticultural Show were not necessarily rich and perhaps we could look at a small injection at some point.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

