

# THE CRESIDENTS

## OF WIMBLEDON PARK

### **Minutes of AGM held on 12 October 2022 at 7.30pm at Christ the King Church Hall**

#### **1. Attendees**

Present: Ute and Douglas Dallimer, Beate Eberhardt, Tom Riddell, Susanna and Aron Thompson, Veronica and Vincent O'Sullivan, Marco de Abreu, and later: Rosemary Langford, Robin and Peter Rhind and Alex Nailon.

Apologies: Rich Catton

#### **2. Minutes of previous AGM**

The Chairman (Douglas Dallimer) opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.

Douglas asked whether anyone had any comments on the minutes of the last AGM, held on 22 July 2021. These had been published on The Cresidents website and a copy was available at the meeting for perusal. The minutes were then adopted as correct.

#### **3. Chairman's Report**

Douglas reported on matters from 2021 and year to date 2022:

- The Queen's Jubilee Street Party held in July 2022 had been a great success with 170 attendees (129 adults and 41 children). Food worked well. Weather was kind. Music by Matt was much appreciated. Photos were on the website. Many favourable comments had been received including enthusiasm for future events;
- A Burger night had been organized by Susanna, held at the Woodman on Wednesday 21 September 2022. It went well with approximately 30 attendees including some of the new neighbours.
- Crescent Gardens had a leaf sweeping/street cleaning session organized by Aron in November 2021. Many of the residents had participated. Leaves were put in the council's green bags and collected by the council contractors afterwards. Aron will be organizing a similar event this year. Douglas commented that it would be good to organise one for The Crescent as well.
- A wine tasting had been held on 10 September 2021. It was well attended. £692 was raised, of which £350 had been donated to St Raphael's Hospice.
- The Christmas lighting up ceremony was held on 27 November 2021. The lights were switched on by Kish Modasia, with wine for the Glühwein donated by Paresh, and carols sung by St Luke's choir. The Cresidents had installed the lights on the tree in the Christ the King garden as usual. These were left on a bit longer (until early February) to provide a bit of cheer.
- Christmas drinks in the Church hall on the last Sunday before Christmas 2021 had unfortunately been cancelled due to covid concerns.

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#### **4. Presentation of accounts**

Ute presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which had been published on the website. A number of copies were circulated for perusal.

Ute noted:

- the balance held at the start of the year (ie 1 January 2021) was £4,449.58;
- the balance at the end of the year (ie 31 December 2021) was £3,712.88; and
- the net reduction of £737 was mostly due to the annual insurance of £180 and the Christmas tree lights installation costs of £699. The other items were largely self-explanatory. Veronica was surprised that the lighting up costs were so high: Ute explained that these included hire of the cherry picker £270, the council permit £75, music equipment hire and trimming the tree. Donations at the ceremony had only raised approximately £50. The committee was considering obtaining a card reader this year, which would make it easier for attendees without coins to make small donations.

The meeting agreed the accounts.

#### **5. Election of Committee Members**

Douglas invited nominations for committee and trustee membership for the coming year. It was noted that the existing members were Douglas, Ute, Susanna, Aron, Beate, Tom, and Rich. There being no other nominees, the meeting elected the existing members to continue.

Tom commented that ideally The Cresidents should get some new younger (eg under 40) membership on the committee. It was agreed that this will be mentioned at the Wine Tasting.

#### **6. Future Events**

Douglas mentioned The Cresidents traditional events coming up of a wine tasting on Friday 11 November, the Christmas lighting up ceremony on Saturday 26 November, and the neighbours Christmas drinks in the hall on Sunday 18 December. He invited anyone with suggestions for future events to please let the committee know.

#### **7. AOB**

There being no other business, Douglas thanked attendees for coming and invited everyone to stay for a chat over drinks and nibbles. The meeting closed at 8pm.