

JOHN STORER CHARNWOOD AND JOHN STORER HOUSE FOUNDATION

Minutes of the Joint Annual General Meeting
3rd as JSC and 48th as JSHF
Held on 4th November 2015

at John Storer House, Wards End, Loughborough

1 Welcome by the Mayor of Charnwood, Cllr John Capleton.

The Mayor spoke of the important civic role played by JSH which includes the forthcoming Remembrance Day Parade. He thanked the staff, volunteers and fundraisers for continuing their good work, stating that Charnwood Borough Council recognised the significant contribution JSC makes to the local community.

2 Sandy Leong then took the chair and declared the meeting quorate.

3 Apologies for absence

14 apologies were given with others noted - details available on request.

4 Minutes of the combined AGM of John Storer Charnwood and John Storer House Foundation, held on 5th November 2014, had been agreed by the Joint Board of Trustees last December so were recommended for approval by members.

This was proposed by Ann Collier and seconded by Jill Vincent and agreed unanimously.

5 Annual Report on activities and services 2014 – 2015

5a John Storer Charnwood – Sandy Leong (Chair)

Sandy observed that at the 2014 AGM she had spoken about significant numbers and statistics, but felt that this year the phrase “may you live in interesting times” was apt as JSC is never boring and never stands still.

She was pleased to note that JSC has, “innovative, responsive and committed people, trustees, staff and volunteers, all pulling together to make sure JSC does it best for the people of Charnwood.” Sandy thanked the Charnwood Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council for providing funding for JSC and also trustees, staff, volunteers and users. Finally, Sandy commented that, “it’s great to live in interesting times and great to be part of this organisation”.

The 2015 JSC Annual Review is available on the website, www.johnstorercharnwood.org.uk/agm.html

5b John Storer House Foundation – Sue Frost (Chair)

Sue highlighted that JSH is 50 years old in April 2016 and that the staff team are planning a variety of celebratory and fundraising events next year.

However, this meant that the building is also 50 years old and requires on-going maintenance. She noted that although the windows were painted and refurbished last year the long term plan is to raise money to replace them.

Sue also invited everyone to join her in raising money for JSC by taking part in the Santa Fun Run taking place in Loughborough on December 6th 2015. Sue went on to thank staff, funders and volunteers without whom ‘we would not have this unique and caring centre’.

5c Shepshed Volunteer Centre – Ian Stewart (Chair)

Ian illustrated the achievements of Shepshed Volunteer Centre using a power point presentation originally created for the SVC Annual Public Meeting. Details were given about the Social Car Scheme, the Befriending Scheme and the Gardening Scheme.

Ian then detailed the impressive progress being made on the new Volunteer Garden and the change of the shop front which has now received the necessary planning permission. Charnwood Borough Council has allocated a grant of £3,000 for the work.

6 Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014

Presentation of the Independently Examined Accounts of John Storer Charnwood (formerly Voluntary Action Charnwood) – David Rodgers (Hon. Treasurer JSC); and the Independently Examined Accounts of John Storer House Foundation – John West (Hon. Treasurer JSHF); and the Treasurers’ Report and consolidated accounts combining JSC and JSHF.

All documents are available on the web site at www.johnstorercharnwood.org.uk/agm.html

David highlighted the main points within the Consolidated Accounts and Treasurers' Report and noted that JSC generated income is now greater than the grant funding received which is a testament to the hard work of the staff.

He thanked staff, volunteers, sponsors, funders and trustees, but in particular he wished to thank John West for the significant role he had played the last 12 months.

John acknowledged that JSHF now fulfils the role of landlord with JSC as the tenant. A two year lease is in place with JSHF as landlord and JSC as the tenant.

John highlighted that whilst JSHF has its own assets and reserves it has no significant regular income and therefore careful consideration would be required prior to any spending from these relatively fixed reserves. However, he emphasised that JSHF is fully supportive of JSC and the joint enterprise is evidenced by the Joint Treasurers' Report and the joint AGM.

Sue Frost proposed and Geoff Jackman seconded acceptance of the sets of independently examined accounts for both JSC and JSHF and this was unanimously agreed.

Sandy then thanked the Treasurers for all their time and efforts.

7 Appointment of Auditors/Independent Examiners

The members are requested to approve the appointment of Messrs Nixon Mee Ltd and to authorise the Board of Trustees of John Storer Charnwood to determine their remuneration.

This was proposed by Jill Vincent and seconded by Cllr Ted Parton and was unanimously agreed.

8 Elections to John Storer Charnwood

8a President and Vice-Presidents

It was proposed to elect the Mayor of Charnwood, Cllr John Capleton to the office of President of John Storer Charnwood.

It was proposed to elect the Deputy Mayor of Charnwood, Cllr David Gaskill to the office of Vice-President.

Ian Stewart proposed approval; this was seconded by Sue Frost and unanimously agreed.

8b Board of Trustees (membership list enclosed)

There were three vacancies on the Board and one elected trustee, Jill Vincent, had stood down to seek re-election.

In addition to Jill Vincent, Sandy Leong, Anne Collier and Roy Kershaw also stood for election and, as all four had been nominated by the deadline, they were declared elected.

8c Co-options – for information only to AGM

Sandy commented that the Board would be happy to consider co-options if anyone expressed an interest.

8d Shepshed Nominees

The Shepshed Local Committee, in place since the merger of Shepshed Volunteer Centre with Voluntary Action Charnwood, nominates two individuals to the John Storer Charnwood Joint Board. These individuals are currently Ian Stewart and Derek Tapp.

8e Charnwood Borough Council Nominees

Charnwood Borough Council is invited to nominate two representatives to be trustees of the John Storer House Foundation. As such, they attend the Joint Board of Trustees, but may only vote on JSHF matters. The current nominee is Cllr Ron Jukes. There is one vacancy due to Cllr Betty Newton not wishing to be nominated. Sandy thanked Betty for her contribution and support to the organisation.

Charnwood Borough Council is also invited to nominate two representatives to be observers of John Storer Charnwood. As such, they attend the Joint Board of Trustees, but may not vote on any matters. The current nominees are Cllr James Poland and Cllr Ted Parton.

Sandy again thanked Cllr Betty Newton for her contribution and Cllr David Snartt for his support.

Sandy declared the end of formal business

- 9 James Smalley from Voluntary Action Leicestershire gave a presentation about developments around “Social Prescribing” and showed a video about the Bromley Bow model.

James described how Social Prescribing is a mechanism linking patients with non-medical support. Some of the many benefits can be improved health, well-being and/or self-esteem. He gave details about the Roseberry Street Medical Practice pilot and the hope that this service will be developed in more GP practices throughout North Charnwood.

This was followed by a short presentation by Karen Frostick on “John Storer House and our place in the development of social prescribing within Charnwood”. Karen detailed the potential offered by JSC to be able to meet the needs of patients with social prescriptions and looked forward to significant developments in the near future.

Karen also referred to the 2015 Annual Review which is based on the ‘5 Ways to Well-being’ – Connect, Stay Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. Karen explained how JSC is well placed to make a contribution in some way to all its customers for ‘5 Ways to Well-being’. The Annual Review details some of these ways in various case studies.

Sandy thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting.

10 **Any other business**

There were no items for AOB.

Candi Barnes
Elaine Salt

8 November 2016