

Minutes of a Meeting of Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

On Monday 10th May 2021 on Zoom.

1. **Committee** A Goddard (Chair), C Butchins, J Jacoby, P Strack, H Stammers,

.J Supran

Apologies. Ursula, Edna. Talya

Members Present S& C Anderson, j Bowley, E Butchins, J Cartledge, P&S Cowley, L&B Fox, A Grady, C&J Hinds, E Jacoby, S Parnell, E Reyes, A &J Ringguth, Sherman, G Strack, S&P Williams,

Apologies: N Clark V Hearn J&G Kay

RGBSA R Gray, C Glover

2. Ann Goddard, Chair, gave her annual report.

Appointment of officers was agreed. Posts will be retained at present

With sadness the Committee accepted the resignation of Jenny Jacoby. Jenny was thanked for her long service to EBGBS. Her monthly reports of planning applications and correspondence with HBC and others was a huge task. She will be missed.

Helen was thanked as treasurer for preparing the accounts and presenting them. No mean task. A huge vote of thanks to Marjorie Davis for auditing the accounts again.

3 With the Official business concluded Ann welcomed the guest speakers

Dawn Grocock: Access Projects officer, Countryside and Rights of Way Herts County Council In Welwyn and Hatfield and Hertsmere

Steve Whiting: Enforcement Office, Countryside and Rights of Way Herts County Council Whole of Hertfordshire.

Dawn's talk was engaging and included a fun quiz to test our knowledge. The information about fault reporting, misuse reporting and the new website helped us in understanding her role. During lockdown the use of volunteers has been difficult. 6 at a time now allowed and reversion to full volunteer roles hoped for after June 21st.

J Cartledge had a question. Why had EBGBS taken a NIMBY approach to the Solar Plant? This question was to be answered at the appropriate time after the speakers.

Steve has only worked for HCC since January 2021. He gave us an outline of different categories of footpaths by colour identified by way markers. Not same as on OS maps. It was interesting to see the types of misdemeanors on footpaths that occur and how they are dealt with. The role of the enforcement officer, the police and the civil action needed in some cases re dumping, blocked footpaths, broken gates, stiles etc

Questions For further detail see website

Tykeswater Lane Will need to be challenged. Footpath ruined by 4X4. Huge 4x4 lobby but need to prove that the path is used responsibly. Dumping a problem.

Footpath around the Aldenham Reservoir. DMMO with secretary of State. Being pursued by HCC officers. Rural estates.

Dumping Either HCC or HBC for action

The speakers were thanked , attendees were thanked and the meeting closed .

Response to proposed by Taylor Wimpey for deregistration of Woodcock Hill .

Objections by 10 Dec to Inspector. Website.

<https://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/woodcockhillvillsgegreen>