

## **Minutes of the HOTRA AGM - Friday 4 May 2012 at Stade Hall**

**Attendance** 94 people were present. Amber Rudd MP presided.

**Apologies** received from Phil White, Ann Novotny, Julia Knowles, Ian Porter, Doris Wallace, Mo Heard, B. MacCray.

**2011 AGM Minutes** were approved as a correct record.

### **Annual Accounts**

Dick Edwards presented the Accounts on behalf of Phil White (Treasurer).

### **Membership Report**

Jill Bradley read this on behalf of Phil White. Request for concessions regarding new membership rate of £10 per person agreed at 2011 AGM. Dick Edwards confirmed it would remain unchanged for some years, and compared well with other local organisations such as HAARG. The Committee will discuss this further. The Accounts and Membership Report were then unanimously accepted.

### **Chairman's Report**

Dick Edwards presented his previously circulated report. Key issues referred to included the new Stade landscape, Hastings fishing fleet, Hastings Storytelling Festival, pedestrian safety, Leigh Dyer's new Winkle sculpture, play facilities, Isabel Blackman Centre, NHS and the Roebuck Surgery. Successes for HOTRA had been the new Stade landscape, Storytelling Festival, pedestrian safety (ongoing), upgrade of Winkle Island with the Winkle Club, seafront play facilities, and ongoing representation on FLAG and the Patients Participation Group at the Roebuck Surgery. The Chairman of the Magdalen & Lasher Charity thanked HOTRA and the OHPS for their support for the planning application. The Chairman's Report was then unanimously approved.

### **Elections**

Chairman: Dick Edwards, Secretary: Jill Bradley, Treasurer: Phil White all elected.

Management Committee: Kate Francis, Ann Novotny, Elizabeth Stevens, Michael Lambrechts, Bruce Nicol, Richard Stevens

Co-optee: Kim Stallwood

Observers: Sue Bower [Traders] Shirley Hawley [RNLI], June Prior [Samaritans]

Examiner of Accounts: Sue Bower

### **Any Other Business**

Concern expressed at wires from Christmas lighting still in place with no prior approval. Dick Edwards and Cllr. John Hodges are taking this matter up with those concerned.

Allotment Party: date to be agreed at the next Committee Meeting.

Ongoing problems with traffic still using Courthouse Street. HOTRA will write to HBC about taxi firms. 20mph speed limit in High Street needs bigger signage, also concealed entrance notice needed at Wellesley Court. Everyone urged to record instances of violations and notify councillors.

**Quentin Blake** gave an illustrated talk about his work in books and hospitals. After comments and questions Quentin was thanked for his talk.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.