



## SOUTH NEWNHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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### MINUTES OF THE AGM

held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024  
at 11 Owlstone Road, CB3 9JH

**Present:** For the Committee: Jean Bevan, Andrew Whitaker, Roger Sewell, Hugh Clough, Bruce Ragsdale. Members: Pam Gatrell, Vic Gatrell, Jean Glasberg, Brian Glasberg, Peter Landshoff, Pam Landshoff, Alan Jones, Eleanor Jones, Jane Clough, Ruth Lambert.

**Apologies:** Lynn Hieatt, Fiona Sinclair, Janet Whitaker, Stuart Evans, Brenda Evans, Tim Cole, Angie Cole, Erika Pilgrim, Sandie Mercer, Richard Andrews, Steve Farrukh, Claire Farrukh.

#### Approval of AGM Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 were approved.

#### Membership Report

The membership has risen from 51 to 97 members.

#### Review of Activities and Achievements

A report of the year's activities and achievements were circulated to members before the meeting and it was noted that the full programme of objectives set at the beginning of the year had been achieved with the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan which is now ready for submission to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Services.

Andrew Whitaker reported on the extensive preparation and follow-up work for the Reg 14 Local Consultation. Discussion took place on issues that had been raised by Statutory Consultees and how the Forum had responded.

Andrew Whitaker gave a summary of the Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Treasury Report

Jean Bevan reported that the remainder of the Locality Grant Money of £5,256 has been spent on the consultancy services of Rachel Hogger, assisting the Forum with amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan following the Health Check and Local Consultation responses as well as printing costs for the Local Consultation.

Jean Bevan explained that the Forum is required to write a Consultation Statement which documents all local community and statutory consultee consultations, from the early workshops in 2016 and 2017 to the consultation that took place in July, last year. This statement must demonstrate that the Forum has consulted widely and that all responses have been considered and answered. The Forum has followed guidance on how to set out the Statement, and the work which comprises around 50 pages has been completed, but the committee felt that as this is such an important document, some expert help from Rachel Hogger, would ensure that the presentation of our evidence and responses are to the standard that is required.



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The members present agreed with this approach and it was agreed to ask the membership for donations to fund two days of consultancy advice and assistance at a cost of £900.

### **Election of Forum Committee**

The existing Forum committee, with the addition of three new members, Lynn Hieatt, Olwen Williams and Bruce Ragsdale, have agreed to stand again and the new committee of seven members was elected.

### **Cambridge City Council May Elections for Newnham Ward**

Hugh Clough, a founder member of the Forum, is standing as a candidate for Newnham ward in the forthcoming City Council May elections, and spoke about his work with the Forum and the Social Club which has lead him to appreciate the importance of standing up for the local community.