

**Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of
The Dove Valley Community Project
(Registered Charity Number 1193032)
held at 14 Dove Side, on
Monday, 14th August, 2023,
commencing at 1900 hours**

**I accept and sign the above Minutes as a true and accurate record
of the proceedings:**

Signed:

**Anthony Ball
Chairman**

Signed:

**Barry Saul
Treasurer**

Dated:

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Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Association, held in Lynne & Barry Saul's House, 14 Dove Side, commencing at 1900 hours.

Present: See Attached list

Apologies : Joan & Peter Baxter
Verena & Richard Beard
Hannah McLaughlin
Judith & Peter Morley
Kevin Mould
Jess & Steve Piper

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the fifteenth meeting of the Association.

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1.0	Adoption of the Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Association The minutes of the meeting held on 15th August, 2022, were officially accepted by all present as a true and accurate account of the meeting. The Chairman, Anthony Ball, and Treasurer, Barry Saul, both signed the document in the Official Minute Book of the Association, as a true record of events.	
2.0	Matters Arising from Minutes of 15th August, 2022	
2.1	Item 2.1 – Amazon Prime This scheme has now ended. We received a total of £31.82 from this fund.	
2.2	Item 6.3 – Poppyfields Event No longer going ahead.	
2.3	Item 6.4 – Entrance to the Meadow – New overhead barrier and posts Everyone will have by now seen the magnificent structures at the entrance to the Meadow. DVCP are indebted to Austin Cox of AGC Fabrications who designed and constructed the metalwork, J.B. Engineering who did the laser Cutting, Pete Dumelow who did the galvanising and who all donated their time, materials and hard work to DVCP. Nestlé then arranged and paid for Paul Harrison's company to dig out the existing posts, erected the new structure and concreted this into place. DVCP cannot thank all the above enough for their tremendous and unexpected donations.	
3.0	Trustees of the Association, Members of the Management Committee The existing Trustees are prepared to remain in Office. The full list of Trustees is confirmed as: • Anthony Ball • Peter Baxter • Richard Beard • Hayden Betteridge • Hannah McLaughlin • Rachel Mould • Kevin Mould • Denis Robinson • Jessica Piper	

- Steven Piper
- Barry Saul
- Lynne Saul

It is confirmed that the Trustees and Officers of the Management Committee of the DVCP are:

Chairman: Anthony Ball

Treasurer: Barry Saul

Secretary: Lynne Saul

It is also confirmed that Trustees and Members of the Management Committee of DVCP are:

Ordinary Members:

Peter Baxter

Richard Beard

Hayden Betteridge

Hannah McLaughlin

Rachel Mould

Keven Mould

Jessica Piper

Steven Piper

Denis Jeremy Robinson

4.0 **Report by the Chairman – Anthony Ball**

Anthony thanked the Trustees who had volunteered their services to help organise fundraising events, putting up marquees, etc., to enable charity events to be held in the Meadow to raise much needed funds. We understand that, whilst working, people's time is precious so, by helping out at functions, your volunteering and hard work is really appreciated. However, as the existing Trustees become older we would ask the younger Trustees to step forward and assist with some of the Meadow duties, such as mowing, dog bin and waste bin emptying, allowing existing Trustees to carry out general field maintenance.

Anthony stated that his hope of Thistley Meadow becoming a beautiful wildflower meadow is being realised which should continue to self-seed and continue to evolve and encourage more wildlife into the area.

Discussion took place on how and when people could start to assist with mowing and heavier maintenance on the Meadow. Some of the Trustees have agreed to meet later in the week to receive an induction into the use of the mower and various other tasks which are required to be carried out on a regular basis.

All
Trustees

5.0 **Report by the Treasurer – Barry Saul**

The Treasurer reported that we had £15,245.44 in DVCP accounts yesterday. At the end of 2022/23 financial year the total funds of DVCP had increased by just under £1,853. This increase was largely due to income from the Bonus Ball and donations from individuals, Good Life Pharmacy and the Circus. We also received income from the Platinum Jubilee Event although all the costs for this event were covered by grants or donations. As interest rates have risen this gave us an added return of nearly £137. Luckily, Bank charges and Insurance costs have not increased.

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	We have been very fortunate to have our accounts verified for the last 16 years by Bill Douthwaite free of charge. As Bill is now winding down to retirement, he will no longer be able to carry out this verification for us. We need to find another accountant willing to undertake this work for us. Stephanie Jones said that her aunt may be able to undertake the verification and will let the Treasurer know as soon as possible. Janet Ebberley was also aware of someone who might be able to do it should Stephanie's aunt be unable to.	
6.0	Any Other Business:	
6.1	Community Activity Event with NatWest Stephanie explained that NatWest carried out these events as part of their community involvement and asked if DVCP could host them for such an event. Everyone agreed that this would be a marvellous idea. Work could be undertaken with coppicing of the shrubberies and with bulb planting (particularly fritillaries in the Meadow itself). Stephanie will put this suggestion to her team at work and get back to the Trustees.	SO Trustees
6.2	New Signage for the Meadow: At their meeting in January the Trustees discussed the need to replace the handwritten emergency/access notices on the Meadow which had faded. The Secretary received donations/grants of £200 from Hatton Village Carnival Committee and £235 from Julie Patten via her Members Community Fund. Hardy signs manufactured the signs which are now in situ on the Meadow. Also, the wooden memorial post for Ron Buxton had rotted and will be replaced. Memorial plaques will now be mounted on this post rather than plant trees/install any more benches.	
6.3	Fundraising Event - Christmas Tree Light Up – 3rd December, 2022 & Fête & Duck Race – Monday, 8th May, 2023 Hatton Village Carnival Committee approached the Trustees regarding holding the above events. They also held the Christmas Tree Light Up event on 3rd December, with live reindeer, Santa Claus in his grotto and children singing hymns. Proceeds from this event are going towards the Village Carnival Fund. The Fête & Duck Race took place Monday, 8th May, 2023 and, took place, despite inclement weather, and raised valuable funds towards Hatton Village Carnival. After the event the Carnival Committee donated £300 from the revenue raised to DVCP. Anthony said that Louise Burton will be holding dog training sessions on the Meadow again in the Autumn. This is free of charge as she donated any profits to animal charities. The Secretary will approach Nestlé to see if they can provide the Christmas tree again. Discussion did take place on using an artificial tree instead but everyone present said that they would prefer to have a real tree.	

6.4	Property Speculators The Secretary reported that, as we are on the Land Registry books, she often receives invitations from these people to purchase Thistley Place. Obviously these requests are ignored and, as DVCP is now a registered charity, they would not be able to purchase the land anyway.	ALL
6.5	Circus – request for 2024 We have been approached by the circus to see if they could include Thistley Place as a venue for their 2024 tour. Everyone agreed that it would be preferable if they came to the Meadow after the final grass cut in August but we shall have to await to see what their itinerary is for 2024. They generously donated £700 to the meadow last time so it is a very lucrative form of income for DVCP.	
6.6	Mowing of the Meadow/Removal of the Grass The Secretary had spoken with Smiths the farmers, who rent the fields towards Marston. They came to the Meadow last week, cut the grass and then bailed it and took it away. There were 19 large bales, so it was quite lucrative for Smiths. They have agreed to come to the Meadow again next year and carry out the work free of charge.	
6.7	Metal Detectorists Anthony said that, after some gold coins were found in Sudbury, Hilton metal detecting group had asked if they could come to the Meadow. As it is illegal to search for coins on the Meadow (following the discovery of the Tutbury Hoard) this request was rejected.	
7.0	Date of 2023 Annual General Meeting: The date of the 2024 AGM will be decided at the First Trustees Meeting in January 2024.	

The meeting closed at 2010 hours.

Lynne Saul
Trustee & Secretary to the Association
16th August, 2023

DOVE VALLEY COMMUNITY PROJECT
(Registered Charity Number 1193032)
Verified Accounts for Financial Year 1st April, 2022 – 31st March, 2023

Description	Balance b/f (£)	In (£)	Out (£)	Balance (£)
General Fund:	13,232.75			13,232.75
Income:				
Donations		202.00		202.00
Bonus Ball Income – 2022/23 (advance payments of £145 included in previous accounts)		2,461.00	1,560.00	901.00
Bonus Ball Income (advance) – 2023/24				
Derbyshire Community Foundation Arts Council Grant for poetry sponsorship for Platinum Jubilee		1,335.00		1,335.00
DCC Members' Community Leadership Grant towards PJ		500.00		500.00
Hatton Parish Council payment for Portaloos for PJ		260.00		260.00
Bellway Donation towards PJ		250.00		250.00
Income from PJ Event		582.00		582.00
Good Life Pharmacy Donation to DVCP		500.00		500.00
Circus – donation to use Thistley Place		700.00		700.00
Hatton Carnival Committee donation towards new signage		200.00		200.00
Wayleave Payment from NPower		3.45		3.45
Bank Account Interest		144.55		144.55
Amazon Smile Charity Fund		11.71		11.71
Sub Total:				5,589.71
				18,822.46
Expenses:				
Public Liability/Personal Accident & Equipment Insurance			438.19	
Platinum Jubilee – Expenses (paid by Grants above + DCC CLG of £330 in last year's accounts)			2,595.00	
Electricity Charges 2021 (£87.62)(received in 2022) + Electricity Charges 2022 (£47.39)			135.01	
Mower Service – will be in 2022/23 accounts			-	
Replacement Christmas Tree Lights			106.14	
Petrol Costs			258.04	
SDDC – Renewal of Lotteries Licence			20.00	
Items for Project			85.11	
Donations to charity on death of DVCP members			25.00	
TCV Renewal (Granted free again)			Nil	
Unity Bank- Service Charges			74.40	
Sub Total:				3,736.89
Total Funds held by DVCP March 2023				15,085.57

Account verification donated by Bill Douthwaite
Hatton Parish Council continue to pay for dog bin emptying

I confirm that I have reviewed the Community's books and bank records and can confirm that the above report is prepared in accordance with those records.

W. J. Douthwaite

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Dated: 19/6/23

Barry Saul (Treasurer to DVCP)

Dated:

19-6-23