

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR YEAR 2022  
HELD TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2023  
BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Committee members: Julie Kemp (chair), Sheila Still (treasurer), Wendy Dolby-Stevens (vice chair & BVN Editor), Jill Briggs (secretary), Carolyn Ward (BVA website), Ian Jeffery, Kate Marshall.  
Village members: 12 other members of the village attended. Total attendees : 19

APOLOGIES: Margaret O’Keeffe (Committee member)

CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS

Julie introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Introductions to the Committee members and their roles were then made. (See above).

Julie thanked Lorna Dolby-Stevens for her role in running and maintaining the Village Network.

Julie reported that all members of the Committee intend to remain on the Committee for the year 2023/2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2021 AGM

The draft minutes of the last AGM having been available on the website for one year, were agreed with no amendments or matters arising.

Proposed by CR

Seconded by HP

CHAIR’S REPORT - Taken from Chair’s notes.

*“2022 has been the first year that has felt ‘normal’ since the arrival of the Covid 19 pandemic. It has been refreshing to get together without the need for masks, watching the weather for meetings in the garden or counting whether we have more than 6 attending! That all seems a long time ago now.*

*Our main event this year was a joint venture with the Parish Council to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. This was a ‘bring your own picnic’ type of gathering on the recreation ground, although there was a bbq and bar for those that wanted to partake. A live band provided the entertainment along with our very own Queen for the afternoon, the magnificent BH who following her regal arrival on the back of a lawnmower, judged the children’s Crown Competition. Many thanks to BH- I haven’t laughed so much in a long time!*

*On 11th November, Sheila laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the BVA, at a small but very important service to mark our fallen. Thank you Sheila for doing this.*

*At the end of November we held our second Christmas Market at the Village Hall. We wanted to create something a little different to a fete or fair none of the sideshows once expects to see at those events, but something more of a quality shopping experience. We had 26 assorted stalls*

*this year with an excellent variety of goods on offer. Stallholders were delighted with the venue and several have already asked to come back.*

*We continue to try and support other village organisations where possible. We attend Parish Council meetings when we can and have in the past year, made a substantial contribution towards the refurbishment of the village notice boards.*

*Members of the Committee are also involved with the Emergency Plan, the BEANS environmental group, the Ukranian Support Group, the Social Contact Group, Brownies and Guides and there are probably others that I have missed, apologies if that is the case. Several members of the Committee were also involved in the 2022 Horticultural Flower Show, helping to set up and judge several of the classes.*

*Our objectives for 2022 were as follows:*

*To continue to publish the BVN  
Update the Residents Guide  
Continue to work with other Committees around the village  
To organise an event to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
To organise a Christmas event  
and finally to get the BVA Committee up to full strength.*

*We achieved most of these aims with the exception of the Resident's Guide and recruiting new members.*

*Therefore, our objectives for 2023 will be*

*To update/decide the future of the Resident's Guide as a priority.  
To continue to publish the BVN  
To continue to support and work with, where we are able, other village groups.  
Organise a spring/early summer fundraiser.  
Organise a Christmas event  
Organise a drinks reception as a thank you to our distributors.  
To try and recruit new members to the Committee. We are a Committee of only 8 and it only takes a couple of us to be away or unwell when an event is planned and we are in trouble. If you would be interested in joining us or know of someone that may be, please speak to any one of us."*

*This concluded the Chair's report.*

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Sheila referred all to the balance sheet attached. The following notes are taken from her report.*

*"You will note that the copies of the balance sheet that I have distributed do not appear to have been audited. The audited copy is here if you wish to view it.*

*Going through the expenditure, printing relates to the Village News and the increased cost is due to the extra colour incorporated into the magazine which we hope you approve of.*

*The BVA expenses look very high and this is due to the £1000 donated towards the refurbishment of the village notice boards.*

*The cost of the Platinum Jubilee party was partly shared with the parish council for the band and the hire of the football pavilion. The Christmas market gave us a good income and I thank the committee for all the very hard work that went into it.*

*This year we had the cost of the web hosting for which we pay every five years.*

*We now have Margaret O Keefe as the dedicated committee member for welfare and she has done a sterling job in keeping the committee informed of those villagers who need our thoughts and help.*

*Looking to the income you will see that advertising income is lower than last year due to one or two advertisers having withdrawn. Also donations are considerably down on last year. I m pleased to say that there are regular donations made by standing order for which we thank you. I do have the receipt book with me if anybody wishes to make their donation this evening!!!!*

*Going forward you can see that our coffers are considerably lower than last year so we are hoping to build them up so that we can contribute to any worthy cause in the village that may arise. However I maintain that we are still a viable association.”*

As there were no questions from the floor, the accounts were proposed by MP and seconded by AB.

## VILLAGE NEWS

Wendy thanked everyone for their input into the magazine. There are a couple of new regular items that will be appearing, one about farming activity around the village and the other, a gardening update.

As is indicated by the balance sheet, the biggest cost to the BVA is printing and more donations from the village would be great.

MP congratulated Wendy on the quality and content of the BVN.

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The Committee were re-elected en bloc with no changes. Proposed by HP, seconded by SR.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JB gave a vote of thanks to the BVA from the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council. In particular she noted thanks for the work on the Platinum Jubilee and the £1,000 contribution to the village notice boards.