

BRANCEPETH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Brancepeth Village Hall 7.30pm on Thursday 22 March 2018.

Present: Peter Aitken, Margot Harrison, Joan Taylor, James Dalton, George Gibbons, Geraldine Jennings, Jim Merrington, Jean Merrington, Sheena Murray, Evelyn Aitken.

At the start of the meeting, we all expressed our hope that John would soon recover from his illness and we passed on our very best wishes.

1. **Apologies** were received from: Jo Dalton, John Morgan, Phil Davison, Mark & Rosemary Monument, Alison Hobbs,
2. **Minutes** of the previous Annual General Meeting 30/3/17 were approved.
3. **Chairman's report.** This was read out and is also attached to the BCA website.
4. **Treasurer's report.**
The final accounts as presented were adopted. Balances CA £6391, DA £3911 PC £504. The treasurer thanked Peter Burdess and Allee Longstaff for their auditing work and the meeting thanked Margot for her excellent work as Treasurer. Letter from DCC 7/3/18 giving notice that the discretionary business rate relief of 20% is to end in March 2019. This would add about £350 to our running costs.
5. **Election of officers.** There were no extra nominations for the posts so an election was not required.
Chairman: George Gibbons was unanimously re-elected
Vice-chairman: John Morgan was unanimously re-elected
Secretary: Peter Aitken was unanimously re-elected
Treasurer: Margot Harrison was unanimously re-elected.
Social Secretary: Jo Dalton was unanimously re-elected.
6. **Any Other Business.** i) A member who has lived in the village for 43 years stated that she considered that the village hall had never been in better condition and that the recent improvements in facilities and activities were significant. ii) A recommendation from the floor that there should be a fully inclusive festival or fair day – using the village field. Following discussion, we agreed that BCA would want to be involved, and would hope this would be along with Parish Council and Church as a whole village event.