

Abbots Morton Resident's Association

Meeting

30 July 2015

		Action
Present:	David Smith (Chairman), Don Humphries Treasurer, Nigel Cadbury, Nick Humphries, Sue Bunce.	
Apologies:	There were none	
	The committee was asked by NC that following the death of the previous Chairman Cyril Burton to recognise David Smith as the new chair, following the agreement reached at the AGM.	
Chairman's Report	The Chair asked for it to be recorded the valuable work of Cyril Burton, the late Chairman had achieved during his tenancy guiding the Association for over 25 years. All were in agreement.	
Treasurer's Report	A total of £1444.66 was recorded across the two bank accounts of the Association. Membership stood at around 50. A debate followed on ways to increase membership.	
Future of AMRA	The Chair felt this item was necessary following the death of Cyril Burton who had managed AMRA for many years. Was there a future and in what direction should any future take? Following a debate it was agreed that AMRA should continue but become more open. Changes would include issuing agendas and recording minutes and allowing members to attend meetings by prior arrangement. The bulletin would encourage members to contribute items and the views of members should be sought more swiftly than in previous years by use of email.	DS to capture email addresses
Agreement to record and publish agendas and minutes	This was accepted by all committee members	
Recruitment of additional committee members	It was questioned by NH what mention of a full committee was in the constitution. Following a debate it was agreed to run the committee with the existing five members, co-opting members when required.	DH/NH for constitution
Increasing membership	It was felt that with the other changes discussed membership would gradually rise. Membership fees should remain as set for the present but be reviewed for the AGM	
Financing AMRA AGM	This is the largest expenditure for a normal year, it was agreed that while grants remained available via the Parish Council that these should be utilised to fund the AGM and an application made.	DS/NH
Future issues of the bulletin	It was agreed that two issues per year would continue, with the winter issue being larger than the spring edition.	NH

	A suggestion was made that villagers with interesting life stories be asked to make contribution. The next winter Bulletin would be personalised for members, non members and those without standing orders.	
Web site presence	It was agreed to create a page on the village website www.AbbotsMorton.info . Back copies of the bulletin would be provided as could a 'Living History' of the village, recording today's village for the future; echoing the goal of AMRA, 'Preserving the Past and protecting the future'	DS/NH/SB
Solar Farm update	The Chair gave an update on the latest publically known position, following recent Government announcements.	
Fund raising	DH outlined various possibilities to raise funds. Some concerns were expressed that without a definite project or cause such an activity might receive a poor reaction. It was agreed that the possibility of a joint fund raising activity for AMRA and the village hall be considered for next year	DH
Date of next meeting	5 October 7:30pm Whites Close	All
	The meeting closed at 9:45pm	