

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

(REDACTED)

CHADWELL MILLENIUM GREEN TRUST

Address: St Chad's Church, 73 Eric Road, Romford, Chadwell Heath, RM6 6JH.
31st May 2024: starting at 6.45pm

AGENDA

Meeting started at 18:51 (start delayed due to heavy traffic in the vicinity – it was agreed to give people a few more minutes to arrive).

Committee Members present: Owen Timney
Sandip Rai
Daljit Rai

Also present at the start: 29 members of the public

Committee Members absent: Hazel (Amani) Green
Anisa Shoaib
Arakoth Chowdhury
Leroy Islam Boyce
Bert Jones
Imran Wahab

ITEM	MINUTES
Welcome and apologies.	<p>Owen Timney: (introduced himself as Vice Chair of the Committee). My role tonight is to Chair the meeting as the actual chair (XXXX) has not arrived. The EGM was called by Sandip (Sunny) and Daljit, and I will be chairing to make sure that we stick to the Agenda and get your questions answered. Anything that is not XXXXX tonight, the committee members present will take away to answer. Refreshments, fire exits and toilets were pointed out.</p> <p>There has been some chat on FB that this is not a legitimate meeting. This is not true – this was called by 2 trustees. Under the terms of the deeds that we have for the Green, a quorum of 3</p>

	<p>trustees is needed – 3 are here and so the meeting can continue as a legitimate meeting. The Chair, secretary and others have not arrived and refused to engage with anyone about the EGM.</p> <p>No apologies for absence, but it is assumed that no other committee members are going to turn up.</p>
<p>Questions from the local residents, members and public with a vested interest in the green</p>	<p>Question from member of the public – you are a 3rd of the trustees. 2/3 are not turning up. Your argument is that you want to keep the Green Open as normal. Can you give us a gist of what you want?</p> <p>Owen – there is no plan to change the designation of the Green, unless it cannot be maintained financially or physically by volunteers.</p> <p>MO [MO]– residents are concerned with the way in which trustees were appointed in the first place. The residents and volunteers do not feel that the CMG is being properly cared for. The Committee are not being transparent. We are meeting to see how we can make this work.</p> <p>Response from member of the public – the CMG is a great place for those with mental health problems and depression. Do the government give money or is it all done by people at Percival and Jarrow? If the government give money then it should be better maintained.</p> <p>MO – mostly volunteers.</p> <p>RSB – the CMG was previously maintained much better and it was more accessible. Info was passed on and people knew what was happening. Green is not being maintained properly now – it has been getting out of control for the last couple of years.</p> <p>Daljit Rai – the gist is that in last 2 years, new committee members have been using smokescreen and mirrors. Owen and local volunteers have been looking after it and getting on with it.</p>

MFJ [MFJ]: residents have concerns about the lack of transparency and lack of information provided to the local residents. Why did the Chair not make any attempt to engage with the public invested in the green? Examples – AGM which not made obvious to residents. Events have been taking place which have not been advertised to locals except if they go onto FB.

Owen – in terms of the AGM. Was probably not advertised by the Chair and Secretary in the correct manner. There was a lot of concern that this was not done properly – no notice put out or wide advertisement apart from some WhatsApp groups. A lot of people who live around the Green who do not have access to these groups would not have known. That is a fault that needs to be addressed. Next AGM – June/ July time, we will make sure that everyone with a vested interest will know about the meeting as they all have the right to attend the AGM to find out how the trustees have applied their powers during the year. They also have the opportunity to say who should be a trustee. There is no formal membership, so people do not have voting rights as such. I have pushed for membership. It is important that members are created, so that local residents have a bigger voice.

RSB – was the lack of notice for the AGM done on purpose?

Owen – not sure if it was deliberate. At the AGM, most people were local volunteers or volunteers from the area. There were a few people from outside, and they also invited the safer neighbourhood team.

Question from member of the public – how many turned up to the AGM last year?

Owen – between 30 to 40 but not sure.

MO – where did these people come from? I did not know about it and I live locally.

Sunny Rai – [redacted] was the Chair. He could not maintain the Green and so locals asked him to step down as the job was too big and he did not have the people around him to do it. It was said that Owen knew the Green, could rally up people to support and could fill in as Chair. [redacted] agreed that it was a big problem, calling it a poisoned chalice and the job was too big and he stepped down. After that, he then started to ignore all communications. Then he and [redacted] [redacted] – current secretary] made [redacted] [redacted] the chair and voted her in without consulting anyone. Our constitution says that the public must be consulted about who is best placed to look after the Green. They did not do this. They made their own Chair and then brought their own people in for the trustees. Even we were not told.

Question from member of the public – Who actually are the trustees?

Owen – you can find out our trustee list from Charity Commission [CC], although they may charge you. Myself, Sunny, Daljit, [redacted], [redacted]...

Question from member of the public – but only four are listed. Why?

Owen – yes, [redacted] [redacted], Owen and [redacted] [redacted] - treasurer]. This needs updating. These 4 only were listed because of the bank – a mandate is needed for every trustee. The bank wants all of their details, even if they are not signatories on the account. The question was asked why it has taken so long, and I was told that the mandates take too long so we are doing them one at a time. It has taken a year to get my name added.

Response from member of the public – it is difficult to know who to talk to when information on the public website is incorrect.

Owen – you will also notice that there is now no postal address or email address. Just a telephone number and web address.

Sunny – it is worth noting that even though myself and Daljit are not on there, the CC have acknowledged that if it can be proved that we

are trustees with minutes, records etc then we are recognised as such.

MFJ [MFJ] – When emails have been sent in regarding membership, it is said that this will be dealt with at the next meeting but this is never done. I know a lot of people are concerned about this.

Owen – yes this is true. I have questions which are responded to in the same way. As Vice Chair, I ask for the info now, but I get no response or told that this will be addressed at the next meeting. I am in a similar position to other residents. They keep me at a bit of a distance.

Sunny and Daljit – us too

Owen – I raised the idea of membership at the last meeting, but I was dismissed out of hand and told that no more members were to be added. I have written a membership policy and submitted it to the other trustees but was told that they would discuss it at the next meeting.

Question from member of the public – so the membership issue should be on the agenda for the next meeting?

Sunny – yes

Question from member of the public – if they are not doing anything can we not vote them off and replace them?

Sunny – Like this. We have to go through the motions. I have voiced my opinion in the past, telling the Chair that they are not fit for purpose and the Chair says that we will deal with this at the next meeting. We can do a vote of no confidence [VONC], but they do not have to stand down. Best this is to have an EGM, hold them to account. They have not turned up today to answer our questions.

RSB – are they not in breach by not turning up?

Sunny – our deeds and constitution are what we have to abide by according to law. We have called the meeting by these rules. There is a clear divide between us 3 and the other 6 trustees – they go off and do their own thing and we are informed afterwards.

Owen – because we work with volunteers and know the residents, we are the Chair and the Secretary's go-betweens, they do not want to talk to the residents and expect us to do it.

MO – There are some people here who have been members previously under previous chairs but were not told about any changes and are not seemingly members now.

Owen – Those who were members or committee members under previous Chairs were not added to the CC website. It does not mean that they're not considered members. It says on the Constitution that the trustees may appoint, and if appointed maintain in being such a manner that is considered to be proper, a group of interested inhabitants to advise trustees in continued care, maintenance and use of the Green. [REDACTED] decided that he was going to do that and ask people at the AGM if they wanted to become committee members. He was not going to put them on the CC website. He knew that he had a trusted group of interested inhabitants.

MO – Was this written down?

Owen – yes

MO – where is this paperwork?

Sunny – With the secretary, [REDACTED].

Owen – that list of names went to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who had volunteered to be Chair at the time. [REDACTED] tells us that [REDACTED] took the list and she has not seen it since.

RSB – so they have lost people's information?

MFJ – so this is a breach of data protection.

Owen – yes, it is. She did not report this to the people whose email addresses etc had gone missing, nor did she report it to the GDPR commission.

RSB – has this since been reported?

Sunny – no.

Question from member of the public – if there are no members, how are they raising money to keep the Green going?

Owen – they currently do not consider those donating by direct debit to be members, so no voting rights come with donating. That said, the CC has set a precedent with another group; they deemed that if you can prove that you are a subscriber then you should be a member and should be able to vote at the AGM.

Question from member of the public – are people getting paid to look after it?

Owen – no, it is a charitable trust. We got the land from the Council in 1999 to maintain it as a MG project as they were going to sell it to a developer. We obtained the lease on the basis that we look after it.

MFJ -The residents? have concerns about the obvious manipulation by the current board to ensure that the local residents are completely excluded from any decisions regarding or involvement in the green, why hasn't the Chair made efforts to resolve this?

Owen – this is a question for the Chair.

MFJ – can you take this back to her?

Owen – yes.

Question from member of the public – can you get an answer as to why they are not here?

Owen – yes. I am not sure why they think they should not be here. Looking at some of the FB posts, they have taken the stance that not all of the committee have endorsed this proposed EGM – she

seems to think that all committee members have to endorse it. The deeds says that only 2 trustees are required to call an EGM.

RSB – whether they feel it is right or wrong, they seem to be visiting other greens and can't be bothered to speak to their own residents.

Owen - They are allowed to do this.

RSB – yes but not when their residents have a concern,

Owen – I can take this back and communicate this to them that they are dismissing their residents' concerns.

Question from member of the public – what are the official channels for communication? Not everyone is on Facebook.

Owen – currently, the only official channel they have is their email address which we can give everyone this evening and you can email them with all the questions that you have.

Response from member of the public – but they don't answer.

Owen – if they don't answer you can raise a complaint

Question from member of the public – so they don't communicate with you at all?

Sunny – we are on WhatsApp in a trustee group.

Question from member of the public – are the other six local residents?

Sunny – not sure

Question from member of the public – in the rule book, can we chuck them out if they are not responding.

Sunny – there are procedures. Calling an EGM and asking them to attend is one.

Q How many times do we have to call an EGM? They don't answer and then we can say bye bye? That is the point of this?

Daljit – a vote of no confidence could be had.

Question from member of the public – could we vote them out tonight or does it take longer?

MFJ – I suggest that we vote today.

Question from member of the public – if I read your deeds now, could we vote them out tonight?

RSB – I did go to the CC and get a copy of the deeds. On p3 or 4 it can be done.

Response from member of the public – so if it can be done then we need to follow that process.

Sunny – I do not think that there is a definitive answer.

Response from member of the public – then you need to find one. A lot of people are not happy. We need to find the process of removing them.

Owen – our process is that everything will be written up and sent back to them.

Sunny - You also need to consider that it all works on votes, and we will always be outvoted – 6 to 3. This is one of the reasons that want to establish the membership so that you guys can vote.

Question from member of the public – if there is no funding, it is up to residents. How are you going to get more residents to do free work?

Response from member of the public – you are saying that you are right, but you need to be able to run the system.

Response from member of the public – the system is not right. To be honest, I thought it would look worse.

RSB – if you look at the last year and a half then it has got worse.

MO – we only need a 3rd of the trustees for a vote of no confidence. We have 3 here.

MFJ – under paragraph 16 voting – every matter shall be determined by majority of votes of the trustees present. The Chairman has the casting vote.

RSB – so you [trustees] can do this?

Member of the public – they were given a letter and 6 have decided not to turn up. So those who have turned up should take the vote. If 9 of them had turned up, then 9 of them would have been able to vote.

MFJ - The person selected for Chair should have the most knowledge of the CMG. [redacted] knows nothing about the green, isn't a community leader and has not got residents backing.

Daljit – you're right.

Question from member of the public – [redacted] said she was temporary?

MFJ – yes

Question from member of the public – how long is temporary?

MFJ – She has been in post for a year.

MO – I am disappointed she has not turned up.

MFJ – [redacted] has got the Community Payback scheme to come in without informing residents. They have damaged the green, trees and plants. We have some professional gardeners here who can confirm that they have damaged trees and plants. Again, this shows a lack of knowledge on the Chair's behalf and a lack of engagement with those who volunteer at the Green, to an extent where they are actually destroying the Green.

Owen – the chair did not communicate that they were coming in on the Sunday. The Chair said that they were supposed to come on Wednesday, not weekends. Following JF and MF's reports detailing the damage, the community payback supervisor has said that they will only discuss future work with Owen.

MO – the trustees were served with the papers in time but have decided not to turn up and I am very disappointed. Posts on FB have been saying that this meeting is illegal which is not true. It was properly conveyed, and they were properly notified in time. They have chosen not to turn up.

MFJ – they have been posting false information and this is not acceptable.

JF [redacted] Fenton [JF] – [redacted] has said that the EGM notice should not have been posted on the board, but this was right as the residents were informed.

MO – this was done this in a proper manner – it is noted in the deeds that we should post such things on the notice board. They have prevented people from attending by putting false information on FB

RSB – this is another reason for a VONC. Why have they not turned up – what have they got to hide? It is very clear that this EGM is legitimate. I am sure that you three have spoken to them about this, and yet they have run away from this. What are they hiding?

Daljit – I have questioned them myself regarding local people not being informed of things (e.g., Percival, Blackbush and Jarrow). There should be leaflet drops...

MO – I would like to know – we have made a complaint to the CC. It was said they needed to be more transparent, but they are not doing this. I am disappointed.

Sunny – we have had no response from the chair or the secretary as to whether they have read the complaint or responded to it.

Daljit – to be clear it is us three vs them six.

Question from member of the public – why?

Daljit – we have tried to keep open communication with residents and those looking after the Green, but the transparency is not there. We have asked them why they are not transparent with the locals.

RSB – I was hoping they would be here for this question. Is [redacted] from the Labour Party a trustee? He works for the council – what is his role regarding the CMG?

JF and MF – we are professional gardeners. We have volunteers there and are hoping for more.

MO – there are many who contribute money and work on the Green.

Daljit – in the last two years there has become a divide between those who used to look after it and those who are in power now. The former have taken a step back.

Owen – the question about the divide. As Sunny explained earlier, [redacted] who was asked to step down, very nicely by the residents, came to a meeting. He was thanked and agreed to step down. Once that meeting was finished, he cut off all contact with everyone including myself as did the secretary. Then between the two of them, they conspired to make [redacted] Chair. This position was not advertised. The CC say that the best people to be trustees are those already involved in it. They completely disregarded this recommendation. [redacted] resigned, and then between the two of them, they voted in [redacted].

RSB – you have just said that ‘they conspired’. The three of you were obviously worrying about their actions. At what point did you go to them and ask what was going on?

Sunny – we challenged them at AGM and at other points, as did the residents. When we say something at meetings, we are told that we are disruptive and they are saying that they will vote them [Sunny, Owen and Daljit] out.

Daljit – we have asked this a lot of times and never get an answer.

Sunny – it is being run down because residents are stepping back as the Chair is not engaging.

Owen – they also voted in four other people that they previously knew to fill other vacancies. Nobody else was allowed to stand for the positions. This is what the AGMs are for.

Question from a local resident – why did you not go back to the CC?

Sunny - we complained to the CC. They said that the Chair does not have to step down. The CC basically said for us to deal with it ourselves.

MO – the Chair is not here to answer my questions.

MFJ – We feel that her leadership skills are lacking and that she is not involved or guiding us.

MO – rather we feel that she is causing conflict in the community. She is causing conflict. There has been no conflict before now.

BY [BY] – in the last 20 years, has it been peaceable?

Owen – yes

BY – who is [REDACTED]? I do not know what she looks like. She has never responded to any emails. You say that communication is open by email, but I emailed [REDACTED] in Feb and still do not have a reply. I can provide the email to you – it is very polite. It is pointless having an email address to contact them as they do not reply. Can we vote them out tonight?

MO – an agenda was drafted. We need to get to the end of the agenda before we can vote.

[REDACTED] (local resident) – You are all very passionate and working hard, but are you fighting an immovable object? You are doing a lot of work, but it feels as if this is going round in circles. They are giving you no response. What can you do?

Daljit – legally it is complex.

MFJ - no it is not complex

MO – we are doing what we legally have to do. Call an EGM, we have trustees here. We have to go through the agenda and then we can vote at the end of the agenda. We have a quorum.

RSB – we have looked at the deeds. If they choose not to come, then we can vote without them.

Question from a local resident – there are 9 members in total. What is the optimum number? How many do you need to operate?

Owen – we need 3 to operate. Chair, secretary and treasurer minimum.

Question from a local resident – 6.2 says that you can determine the optimum number.

Sunny – yes we can – we have read that 9 might be too many.

Q – if the green is falling into disrepair, then we need more people.

MO – in the deeds it only says that we need a 3rd to vote for a VONC.

RSB – what we are saying is that we can vote in more trustees today.

Question from a local resident – is this what you three understand?
Can we vote more trustees in tonight?

Sunny – we can start it tonight but cannot complete it. You can put yourselves forward stating strengths etc.

MFJ – this is the complaint that went to the CC. Why was the green closed for so long last year and again this year without any communication from the Chair? There was no explanation to the community. Can you provide an explanation?

Owen – one of the occasions was damage to the bridge. A lot of treads were replaced using donated timber. H and S officer then

said it was unstable due to rotting support. I went round with a builder, jumped up and down on it, and it did not move.

RSB – what are the qualification of the H and S officer?

Owen – I don't know if he has any.

RSB - I am one. What are his credentials – why did he not fix the bridge? Why did he decided to close for a year? What were his policies, procedures and risk assessment?

Sunny – I asked for this but got no response. I do not know if he has qualifications or what his credentials are.

Owen – that was the role he was given as a trustee. People were appointed into roles. We were told that the treasurer has a background in finance, when in fact they are a chartered surveyor, not in finance.

MFJ – what was the reason for the second closure and why was it not communicated?

Owen – a resident's fence was impacted by our trees. She had large dogs which she feared could get out, and the CMG was closed whilst awaiting repairs. It was seen whether the insurance company could help repair fences or remove the tree. This was taking a long time, and so in the meantime BY and I did a temporary fix which the resident was happy with. It could have been fixed 3 months prior.

RSB – so rather than asking for help in the local community for volunteers, they went another way.

Owen – the Chair did initially ask what materials were needed etc. I suggested some materials to repair the fence, but this again dragged on and so eventually we went in and did it.

RSB – off your own back?

Owen – yes. I told them and said that it would be temporary whilst we awaited the insurance company.

BY – and then we opened the Green the next day, didn't we?

Owen – we did, yes.

BY – Is there any response to us being members of the committee?

I have provided to you text messages from [REDACTED] the previous Chairman. Where did the original name list of the committee go? MG and I (BY) were both on it. And we went to meetings. I have communications regarding prior meetings. Why am I and MG no longer members?

Sunny – did you forward that information that you had to [REDACTED]?

BY – it went in the official complaint. I had also already mentioned that to her beforehand, and she said to me that 'you were never a member'. I sent her the proof in February, and she has then never responded to my final email.

Owen – what you need to do is go back to [REDACTED] – tell her that under clause 21.1 you were considered by previous Chairs, especially when MF was there, to be an interested inhabitant to advise the trustees to help look after and run the green. In that capacity you were considered by that trustee to be a member of his committee.

BY- is there any point? She does not respond to emails.

Owen – if she does not respond, it is evidence for when we go back to the CC. There is continued mismanagement by the secretary and Chair that the CC need to deal with

BY – so we just keep emailing, and MG should do the same?

Owen – yes. You can talk about the previous fundraising events that you helped to organise. Proof of that is all still online,

Sunny– we do not have access to the email box.

RSB – why not? Should not all trustees have this? What about the paperwork?

Sunny – There are a couple of boxes of paperwork. I have requested access and was given a couple of pieces of paper to shut me up.

MG [MG] – yes, they are big boxes that have been going for years.

RSB – MG, you have seen these boxes?

MG – yes, they have been going for years. Every time someone new took the position on, then the boxes would be given to them.

Sunny – there is info out there that they are not sharing with us. I have been told that they have created appendices to some documents that they have kept to themselves and not shared with us.

Owen – these have been added to the trust deeds. I have not seen them and have asked if they were ratified as I have never seen them. I asked [REDACTED] to circulate them at the last meeting. I have received them, but Sonny confirms he and Daljit have not.

BY – when was the position of chair advertised?

Owen - it was never advertised.

BY – that's illegal?

Owen – apparently, they took legal advice about appointing her as Chair which they then refused to share with me. They did not create minutes for the meeting. I did say that if you requested legal advice on behalf of the trust then you need to share with trustees. She then changed her story and said that it was verbal advice. I then said that there should be comms evidence of this but has not been provided.

BY – why are we not spending money on new tools such as a shredder, lawnmower? Where is the money provided by residents being spent?

Owen – currently the bank a/c has about £1800. We agreed at the meeting before last that money needed to be spent on new tools.

Last meeting, they agreed to purchase a new lawnmower. We were

donated one, but it has now sprung an oil leak. I went back to the chair and said we need a new one. They agreed to buy a new one two weeks ago but have still not done this. I did say that if you buy it online, I can go and pick it up.

BY – do you think that the committee are negative in terms of repair and maintenance? Do you think that they are quite happy to see it closed?

Owen – no. I don't think that they want to see it closed and they want to see it develop. They are visiting other MGs to see how they are run. They are engaging with other people, e.g. Andrew Irving the Convener for MG for England.

Response from a local resident – but what they have not done is spoken to other residents.

Owen – I completely agree. The reason they are not doing that was because of the last AGM – they felt that residents were abusive and aggressive towards them. They will not come to the Green as they are afraid that residents will gang up on them.

MO – I was there at the meeting and do not feel that the residents were being aggressive. I saw elderly residents in tears.

Sunny – I felt that the aggression came back from their side.

Question from a local resident – You said there was £1800 – where has that come from?

Owen – that has come from residents and volunteers who are donating by direct debit, and some of it is from fundraising that the Chair did earlier in the year.

Question from a local resident - this is not on the website financial history though?

JF – I went to the committee and when I looked at the website it only showed income £250 and expenditure of about £600 – it showed a

zero balance. Surely this should be negative. My answer was 'we weren't the treasurer then'.

Sunny – what I think happened is because there was an issue with the bank from 2019 when we did not have access to the bank account. It did take them 6/7 months to gain access. This is probably why they filed zero as they did not know what was in the account.

Question from a local resident – 2019 and 2020 were done on time. 2021 was a year late. 2022 121 days late. Why have these been so late?

Sunny – I can't answer that as the treasurer etc. from that time are not here.

Response from a local resident – it sounds like you need more trustees.


Sunny - you need the right people in the right places. We have a fundraiser who has not raised any funds.

Question from a local resident – there are places where you can sign up to help (council website?). You could get more people and younger people who want to help. There are young people who want to volunteer. If you put it on that website, you may get more volunteers.

Sunny – they did do this at the start but then stopped. Now they operate on WhatsApp to try and get money.

Question from a local resident – You mentioned that at the last AGM, the trustees were making out that the residents were aggressive. Is that what you said?

Owen - The minutes for that meeting were posted on the website.

 took the minutes.

Question from a local resident – was it an accurate reflection of what happened at the meeting?

Sunny – I don't believe it was an accurate reflection.

Question from a local resident – this would be an excuse and a legal angle that they would take that the residents were aggressive. Is there any evidence to back this up?

Daljit – no there isn't.

Question from a local resident – they were the ones who were being aggressive?

Daljit – this does not look like an aggressive crowd quite frankly.

Question from a local resident – Why should they be afraid of us? They should be here.

Response from a local resident – They have purposefully stated this and therefore this is a legal way of them saying why they did not want to turn up.

Sunny – what they also did do when they had the AGM was call in a police presence.

Question from a local resident – if it was so aggressive why did the police not step in?

Sunny – absolutely. If they thought that it was getting aggressive, then they could have had the police interject.

MFJ – they have not said that they are not coming because of aggression, they have said this is an illegal meeting.

Question from a local resident – people could give statements showing the truth. The minutes they are taking are false minutes.

Daljit – yes. I have questioned those minutes in one of our meetings.

MO – the police officer spent a lot of time talking to me during the meeting – there was no concern.

RSB – I am asking questions on behalf of Bal [local resident] who is ill and cannot be present. She has sent emails to the chair and

trustees asking can she please get minutes of trustee meetings. She has had no answer or been sent any minutes.

Owen – there is no legal requirement for trustees to publish minutes of their own meetings. They have to do it for AGM and EGMs.

RSB – there has been lots of stuff going on over the last 2 years with lot of conflict of interest regarding about how people have been put in positions they should not. This should be in minutes and held for 5 years. You trustees should have this in minutes as proof?

Owen – I raised this at a committee meeting where I said that the residents were so upset as they believe that [redacted] and [redacted] conspired with [redacted] to make her Chair and did not advertise it.

RSB – why was the address of the CMG in a business's name in [redacted] – a property developing company?

Owen – that was the business address of [redacted], the previous chair. Don't know why he registered it there and did not disclose this. He could have registered to his own premises as would normally happen.

RSB – why was there a different account made when you have had one running for years?

Owen – the previous trustees who left did not do mandates for new trustees. The bank then did not recognise new trustees for spending money, signing cheques etc. Lengthy process through the CC to show that they were trustees to get the mandates pushed through. Barclays are known for being really bad with charity accounts. The Chair [redacted] opened a new account with Co-op but no money was paid in. All donations were still being paid into Barclays, despite the fact that we could not access the funds. They wanted to forget about Barclays, but I told them that they could not just leave that money that people had donated. I made them persevere so that all money within could be accessed.

RSB – when did you send out notices regarding the election of the Chair.

Owen – no announcements were made.

RSB – how did people like [redacted] put their name down and where did they hear it from?

Owen – we can't answer that.

Sunny - They need to be here to answer that question.

Daljit – the passions and arguing of previous meetings are all tied in with these questions. The minutes from the meetings are pretty biased.

RSB – why did you only tell people the details of the AGM a day before?

Owen – it was announced on WhatsApp a month before but with no date or time given. The dates and time only came a week before. They only went on the to FB page a day before.

Question from a local resident -what is the required notice?

Owen – 28 days' notice for an AGM. It should be advertised locally, especially it should have been posted on the CMG noticeboard.

Question from a local resident – does that mean the meeting and therefore the appointments are invalid?

MO - we have raised this with the CC

Response from a local resident – People need to have these minutes.

RSB – this [redacted] is a very concerned resident who was a committee member, ex-treasurer. This is why I am asking these questions.

Why do admins avoid questions on the group, leaving other members to defend themselves causing toxic behaviour. There are 2 very negative people on the group and admins do nothing. This is called cyber-bullying, and I will have no choice but to report them to

	<p>the police. I have the proof provided here in a pack showing WhatsApp messages of them bullying her. What would you say to her?</p> <p>Owen – it is disappointing that she feels this way. No trustee or member of the group should bully or be bullied. Those who manage to admin for the group should be addressing this. On the CMG group the secretary’s response was that instead of dealing with it, she left the group as did the Chair.</p> <p>Sunny - The admins are the trustees of the group. I have closed the group on occasion when people have gone too far.</p> <p>RSB – Sunny and Owen have the keys. [redacted] has the 3rd set. Why does she not put her input in or say well done guys to boost people’s confidence or come and help?</p> <p>Owen – we can’t answer that.</p> <p>Residents – we don’t know who [redacted] is</p> <p>RSB – why aren’t all the admins on the group helping out at the Green?</p> <p>Owen – because they have designated roles, they do not have to help out at the Green physically. Some are doing administrative tasks.</p> <p>RSB – when making complaints, I have heard it so many time ‘go to the source’ – who is the source?</p> <p>Owen – I don’t understand the question.</p> <p>BY – I think she means [redacted] – who to address her complaints to.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>MFJ – I would go to the vote</p> <p>MO – my reasons for the VONC are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on [redacted] and [redacted] not being voted in according to the constitution. • Notice period was not given.

- Residents surrounding the CMG were not notified of the AGM.
- Section 15 of the deeds says that to vote we need a third of the trustees to form a quorum. There are 9 trustees and 3 are here. We have that quorum.

MFJ – I would like to vote them off.

RSB – what does this mean? Does it mean that they step down and you 3 take over?

Owen – you have to vote specifically who you have no confidence in.

Question from a local resident – You have a fundraiser not raising funds, you have accounts not being filed.

Sunny – they have done it once. Previously it was £800 - £1000. Since the last round of fundraising, we now have £1800 in the bank – highest it has been.

Question from a local resident – how much fundraising has been done by the fundraiser and committee?

Owen – there has been no fundraising events, but she has raised £385 from other groups.

Question from a local resident – but there have been no actual fundraising events? Your fundraising person has not actually done any fundraising?

Owen – the fundraising person would be looking at grants.

Response from a local resident – St Bede's School visit. When I was at school we would go and visit St Mary's statue, clean it etc. My younger brother has not visited. There is obviously a lack of engagement with the school, and it seems that they have given up with fundraising.

Sunny– there has been no fundraising there for about 15 years.

Question from a local resident – so what is the optimum number? We have not reached the optimum number. It is in disarray. Look for residents backing on the green to take up those positions.

Owen – I agree. In the grand scheme of things, we are a very small charity. In excess of 9 trustees is not feasible for a charity of this size. Previously, all required funding was gathered by monthly donations. It was not a lot but was enough to get it maintained, service and replace equipment as well as paying for insurance etc.

RSB – if this vote of NC against 6 people not doing their work, disarray, gone to sh*t. There is disarray amongst its own trustees. I would like to say that if we do this VONC now, does it solidify them stepping down and leaving these 3 to make the green a better place?

JF – surely the CC should be able to say that they have been notified?

Sunny – I have asked that if you are having problems with the Chair can you ask them to step down? CC would not intervene unless there is a financial problem. Mediation. Solicitor advice said that they will not get involved.

Question from a local resident – when you say financial, what do you mean. Finances are not posted in time on the website. Is this enough?

Owen – no. This has been a problem with previous committees. Because we are small, the CC were not bothered.

Response from a local resident – 2023 finances are still not there. AGM should be April. Last year's AGM was July, and it still has not happened this year.

Owen – it is pencilled in for April. They will probably say that they have had other things to deal with. It should happen the same time this year.

RSB – we want to vote on this now.

MFJ – I want vote that the 6 not here should be voted off and replaced today.

Sunny – don't think we can replace people today.

Owen – we can have the VONC – we can go through the process.

RSB – do we want to vote then?

Owen – you do not have votes as they are not members.

Sunny – you need to give us the reasons why you want to vote them out.

Owen – My final words on this are that the trustees present who represent a quorum of the committee agree that there appears to be some issues regarding due process which remain unresolved. So the findings of the committee members at the EGM are that if the secretary is unable to provide satisfactory evidence to the above questions, then this will be considered an administrative mismanagement of the CMG Trust, and it will be reported to the CC. It will also make the appointment of the current Chair invalid, and both the secretary and the Chair will be required to resign on the basis that they breached the guidelines of the CC and did not act in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries which is the trustees' overriding responsibility.

MFJ – what roles are the VONC for?

Owen – this is specific to the Chair and the secretary.

RSB – what about H and S etc?

Owen – you can always call another EGM.

Sunny– are we voting from NC or for removal?

Daljit – for removal from their position?.

RSB – Chair and secretary for now?

Sunny– you have to name each person and the reason why.

Question from a local resident – I want to be clear what is happening now. Are we asking you for a NC vote or to remove them. What happens after?

Sunny – you approach us now with the name of the person a reason why. Then we will vote.

Question from a local resident – can they say that they are more numerous and can outvote?

Owen – they may try this as they do not recognise this meeting? The meeting was convened legitimately and was called by two trustees. Under the terms of the deeds, if some trustees refuse to attend, you can have the meeting anyway.

RSB – we have video footage and documentation showing the legitimacy of this.

20:43 Refreshment break

21:03 Meeting reconvened

MO – good evening and thank you for coming. I would like everyone to vote to say that we would like the trustees present to act on our behalf and vote out the following named trustees.

Vote taken to ask the three trustees to act on behalf of those present: yes 28 no 0

These people are

- [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] [Chair] This person was not appointed in accordance with the deeds and mismanagement. Therefore, the position was not legally appointed. Also, in accordance with what has been discussed in the minutes.

Vote taken to ask the three trustees to act on behalf of those present: yes 28 no 0

Sunny - I vote to remove [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Daljit – I'm happy to vote to remove [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Owen – in accordance with the wishes of the residents, and the beneficiaries of the Trust, I vote to remove her.

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Secretary] – we feel that there has been misconduct under the Charities Act of 2011, mismanagement of funds and loss of personal details.

Vote taken to ask the three trustees to act on behalf of those present: yes 28 no 0

Daljit – I am happy to ask [REDACTED] to be removed.

Sunny– I vote to remove [REDACTED].

Owen – again, in accordance with the wishes of the residents, and the beneficiaries of the Trust, I vote to remove her.

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] – treasurer. Misconduct, and returns have not been filed and in accordance with other items discussed in the minutes.

Vote taken to ask the three trustees to act on behalf of those present: yes 28 no 0

Sunny– I vote to remove [REDACTED] from his position.

Daljit – I also vote to remove [REDACTED] from his position.

Owen – again as with the wishes of the residents, and the beneficiaries of the Trust, I vote to remove him.

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] H and S officer. We do not feel that he has carried out his duties in this regard. We are not sure if he has sufficient knowledge of this as issues discussed in the minutes.

Vote taken to ask the three trustees to act on behalf of those present: yes 28 no 0

Daljit – I am happy vote [redacted] to be removed from his position

Sunny – I to vote [redacted] to be removed from his position

Owen – again, as with the wishes of the inhabitants and the beneficiaries I vote to remove [redacted].

It was noted that Owen as vice chair would now step up as chair, he was congratulated.

RSB – for the record, there were initially 50 people in the room who wanted to vote but some had to go. We have close to 85 signatures on a petition to back this up.

Meeting adjourned 21:22