



A community shop and café run by the Village for the Village

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Tewin Stores Association Ltd held on Monday 26 June 2023 at 7.30pm in Tewin Memorial Hall, Lower Green, Tewin

Present: L Crawford (in the chair), R Guilbert, M Bennett, G Spring, P Spring, D Brook, K Florez, P Hagger, B Barraclough, J Howson, M Compton, D Newton, S Newton, R Huggins, S Sinfield, E Wolcko, H Armstrong, K Lawson, M Swift, M Gregg, D Kempson, J Kempson, A Hall, G Kersey, M Kersey, G Smith, K St Pier, M Rouse.

Apologies:

D Henson, A Henson, T Nissan-Huntley, J Grover, G Elliott, P Elliott, A Leishman, L Gilley, C Minton, M St Pier, D Gregg, J Lawson.

1. L Crawford welcomed everyone to the meeting. Highlighted that we are still without a chairperson and are looking to recruit members of the village to the Committee.
2. **Minutes of the previous AGM held on 28 March 2022**
The meeting agreed the previous minutes as a true record.
Proposed by K St Pier and seconded by H Armstrong.
3. **Annual Report.**
R Guilbert introduced the report and highlighted:
 - a. Firstly this accounting period is 16 months instead of the normal 12 months, so this needs to be taken into consideration in any comparison of the figures from this period to 2021 accounts.
 - b. We made a small overall profit this period, although our profit has been on a decreasing basis over the last 3 years and if it wasn't for the grants, subsidies and other non trading income received, we would have made a loss this year. Much of this extra income, we do not expect to be repeated this year, such as the EHDC grants and fees from the filming, so we will be more reliant upon our trading income.
 - c. We continue to receive donations from a variety of sources, and are extremely grateful to everyone that has contributed here. In addition, we could not operate without the commitment and support of all our volunteers as well as the dedication of our Shop Manager Bev.
 - d. We have undertaken a lot of work on improvements, renewals and repairs to the shop over the last 16 months. This was more fully explained by P Hagger later.
 - e. Changes to the committee were highlighted including the resignation of K Florez. That leaves the Committee short of 2 members as well as currently still not having a Chairperson or Treasurer. The comment from

the Auditors on our governance structure was highlighted, but until we fill these positions, we are unable to move in the direction they recommend. With a smaller Committee, we have to accept that some matters may not move as quickly as we would wish, so any additional active volunteers that wish to join the Committee would be most welcome.

- f. P Hagger provided an update on the many premises improvements that have taken place since the last AGM. He also advised that we are about to embark on the replacement of the kitchen and the many improvements this will provide. He noted that during these works, there will be a reduced café service.
- g. In addition to the kitchen, we still have some future projects to undertake, namely a soakaway for the shed rainwater (since completed), kitchen door frame and other carpentry work, inside and outside decoration, replacing the carpet behind the counter and other repairs as required.

There were no questions raised and the meeting accepted the annual report and accounts.

Proposed by R Huggins and seconded by A Hall.

4. Election of the Committee

The following Shareholder Members were re-elected to the Committee: M Bennett, D Brook, L Crawford, R Guilbert, P Hagger and G Spring.

The meeting agreed the appointment of Committee members:

Proposed by M Gregg seconded by G Smith.

5. The Appointment of reporting Accountants

The appointment of Holdings as Reporting Accountants for 2023/24 was agreed by the meeting.

Proposed by S Newton and seconded by R Huggins.

6. Any other Business

- a. The Committee was asked how we could reverse the current trend of reducing profits. MB advised there was no easy answer but good cost control and tapping into new residents and contractors would assist.
- b. Some volunteers are reluctant to cook as they are nervous about health & safety & food hygiene standards and could we provide new volunteers with more information. It was confirmed that we do comply with the food hygiene standards
- c. It was suggested that we put more temporary signage on the green or amend the sign by the Rose & Crown. The Parish Council have refused our request to put signage on the green. It is doubtful whether we could do anything to the sign by the Rose & Crown – unfortunately it is situated in the wrong place to be very visible.
- d. The Committee was asked if we could consider having events at the shop in the evening. This will be considered for the future.

L Crawford ended the meeting and J Kempson thanked the Committee for all their hard work. This was applauded by all present.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm