

PSRA AGM, 8pm, Tuesday 21 March 2023, The Maypole pub

1. The Chair, Roy Macgregor, welcomed about 25 members present at the meeting. Apologies were received from Gavin and Ruth Ayliffe, Paul and Carine Bennett, Peter Constable, Derek Drummie and Celia Moss.
2. Minutes of the last AGM in April 2018 were tabled.
3. The Chair reported on activities since the last AGM:
 - PSRA was represented at a number of meetings of the Park Street Liaison Group (set up by the Council to consider plans for the redevelopment of the Car Park). We demanded a Development Control Forum, which took place on 31 October 2019. Some aspects of the original plans have been improved, perhaps partly as a result of our input.
 - Our protest against the proposed siting of a 30m phone mast on Jesus Green was widely reported and ultimately successful.
 - PSRA has discussed and made representations regarding the proposed redevelopment of Synagogue and other planning applications; anti-social behaviour; problems caused by HGVs in area; etc.
 - We contacted the organizers of various events such as road races which affected our area (road closures, parking restrictions). On three occasions we have obtained donations of £250 from companies filming TV programmes (Grantchester, Professor T) in our area. The next such occasion will be on 12 April.
 - The Committee met on 30 Nov 2022 with Cllr. Tim Bick to discuss the proposed congestion charge.
 - PSRA organized a summer picnic on Jesus Green, 15 September 2018, and two winter dinners at La Mimosa, 31 Jan. 2019 and 5 February 2020.
 - The Chair obtained funding from Section 106 moneys (channelled through PSRA) for a public art installation on Jesus Green.
4. The Treasurer, Nicholas Sims-Williams, presented the accounts, which had been kindly audited by Peter Constable. After the 2018 AGM PSRA had just over £500 in the Cambridge Building Society. Since then the main item of expenditure was £154.63 to pay for banners protesting against the proposed siting of a 30m phone mast on Jesus Green. The main income had been three donations totalling £750 from companies filming TV programmes, plus about £22 in interest. The PSRA had also received £8,000 from the City Council for the public art project, of which £3,000 still remains. Ignoring this money (which merely passes through the PSRA account, income and expenditure being identical), PSRA now has £1,096.21, an increase of almost £600 over the 5-year period.
5. Elections. Roy Macgregor agreed to continue as Chair and Nicholas Sims-Williams as Treasurer. There was no volunteer to take on the vacant position of Secretary. There being no other nominations, the officers and the rest of the current committee (Jean-Pierre

Faivre, Richard Fentiman, Ajay Kumar, Celia Moss, Frances Travis, Keith van Rijsbergen and Ineke Vantspijker) were re-elected unopposed.

6. Website. Karl Sanderson offered to contact Christa Pleasants, the owner and administrator of our website, to find out whether it might still be possible to get it transferred into the ownership of PSRA.

7. Several members mentioned problems with vibrations from the Park Street Car Park building project, which were causing cracks in the walls of their houses. Those who had not already done so were encouraged to contact the developers, Gilbert-Ash, so that the damage could be monitored. The Chair agreed to write to Gilbert-Ash and the City Council to draw attention to the fact that such problems appear to be quite widespread.