



Minutes

Annual General Meeting at Sudbury House Hotel on 5th March 2008

		Actions
Present	Nick Elwell – Bordengate Insurance (President), John Davis – Casapirus Ltd (Treasurer), Jane Haynes – Bordengate Insurance (Secretary) Fiona Flint – Bray Group Ltd, Sarah Steel – Old Station Nursery, Julie Farmer, myPA Business Ltd, , Christopher Marriott – Marriotts, Vivienne Checkley – Bunting & Co, Paul Brame, - Morgan Cole Solicitors, Clare Bowley – Deacons, Denise Palmer – Retail Group, Tony Fecher – Fecher Associates, Donna Rogers - Den Boer Wines, Ashya Wright – Fusion Entertainment, David Reynolds – Peluche Publishing, Nick O’Keefe – Oxford Dectective Bureau, Sarah Allen-Stevens – Wicklesham Commercial Properties, Sarah Benson – Perry Bishop & Chambers, Andrew Brown - Marriotts	
Item 1	Apologies Judith Heathcoat, Mike Heathcoat, John Morton, John Gillman, Daphne Saunders, Sue Fisher, Stella Kenrick, Sophie Merrill	
Item 2	Welcome from the President NE welcomed all to the meeting and proposed a vote of thanks to Sudbury House Hotel for their help again this year in providing the venue for the AGM.	
Item 3	Minutes of Last Meeting / Matters Arising Minutes from the last meeting were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.	
Item 4	Chairman’s Report See attached report. NE thanked David Reynolds for the hard work that he has put in to the new Faringdon Town Guide. NE will be attending a meeting with Judith Heathcoat and the Oxfordshire Fire Service to disuss the problems of manning the second pump at Faringdon. As described in NE’s report the links between the Chamber and Faringdon Community College are growing and we wouls like to encourage local businesses to get involved with a project for those students who do not want to go on to higher education and help them to train and work locally. A summer event will be planned this year, the date and venue are still to be arranged. Faringdon First Responders are looking to buy a new vehicle, the cost will be £8000 and NE will be contacting all members about this.	

<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>JD presented the accounts for the last year. They have been signed off by Bunting & Co. (See attached report). There has been an increase in funds during the year, JD said that this was due to the increase in fees and this in turn enable the Chamber to work on many more projects.</p> <p>JD offered a vote of thanks to Vivienne for her work on the Chamber accounts.</p>	
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>NE, JD and JH were re-elected unopposed.</p> <p>VC of Bunting & Co was re-appointed as Auditors. NO’K proposed a vote of thanks to the Officers for the way that they have guided the Chamber over the last year.</p>	
<p>Item 7</p>	<p>Notices</p> <p>OTCN Bank of England Briefing - This briefing is held twice a year and this time it has come to the Vale and is an opportunity to meet with an agent of the Bank of England, it his role to gather grass roots views on the state of the economy to pass on to the interest rate-setting MPC. There is one place left for the event on Thursday 13th March at Grove Technology Park from 16:30 – 18:00.</p> <p>Institute Of Directors have arranged a SME Question Time at the Oxfordshire Golf Club, Thame on Thursday 24th April from 18:30 – 21:30 The cost for this event is £35.00.</p> <p>Faringdon Town Guide – This is the last chance to advertise in this new publication. Anyone who is interested should contact David Reynolds or Jane Haynes.</p>	
<p>Item 8</p>	<p>Speakers</p> <p>There followed a presentation by John Doble called From Africa To Everest which tracked the progress of 32 year old Sibusiso Vilane in his bid to become the first black African to climb Everest. Sibusiso was encouraged to take up mountaineering by John who was at the time the British High Commissioner to Swaziland.</p>	
<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:20pm</p>	