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As those of you who attended the AGM in April will know, Resolution 5 proposing that both benches at the Basin Lake be reinstated was narrowly passed on a show of hands. This vote included a number of proxy votes.

However, it was pointed out to the directors following the meeting, that the proxy votes were invalid as the Articles and the Companies Act state that they should have been received by the company at least 48 hours before the meeting and not 24 hours as stated on the proxy form. In addition, some of the proxies were from residents who had either not paid the annual membership for 2017 or who had paid short and were therefore ineligible to vote.

Immediately after the AGM vote, Robert Graham resigned. Another director, Sue Bennett resigned a short time afterwards as did Peter Bennett and Ben Mire, who were not directors but members of the committee.

I would like to thank Robert for his overwhelming contribution towards the management of the Estate over many years and to Sue, Ben and Peter for their much appreciate and invaluable involvement. They all gave many hours of their time towards the running of the Estate.

As Vice Chairwoman, I have accepted the role of Chairwoman once again, a position that I held in the past from 1999 to 2013, and I will continue to work with the support of those remaining committee members and directors for the benefit of all the members of the Estate.

Because the vote at the AGM was so evenly split and so contentious it was felt that reinstating the benches was not just. As a result, and after much discussion you might have noticed a small shed has been erected near the fence at the hard standing at the Basin. This cupboard contains six very light fold-up chairs which can be accessed using the padlock. The code number for the lock is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] If you use a chair please return it to the cupboard and relock the door.

This new system is a trial and will be assessed over the next few months to ensure that it had not led to an increase in the number of unwelcomed visitors particularly at night. However, it will only work if anyone using a chair relocks it away after use.

Finally, we would welcome the support of more residents on the Estate to help by joining the committee. In particular, we would welcome someone with accountancy skills to help maintain the finances of the Estate with a view of taking over from our treasurer Madan who would like to relinquish his role in a years' time. I would also welcome the support of someone in the day to day management of the fabric of the Estate in the management of the trees and the lakes. As most of you are aware the Seven Acre Lake is classified as a large raised Reservoir within the Reservoir Act and although not onerous we need someone to be responsible for its maintenance.

If you are interested in joining the committee and have any special interests or just in helping us maintain our beautiful and unique surrounds just let us know and come along to a meeting where you will be most welcome.

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