



Annual General Meeting Of Buckinghamshire Branch National Association of Retired Fire Fighters.

June 26th 2011 @ 1030 hrs @ Bisham Abbey Buckinghamshire

1. **Welcome:** The attending members were welcomed by our President Jeff Goddard, who stated that he was sorry to have to bring out members so early on a Sunday.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Roy Potton, Barry Leybourne, Jack Plumridge, Mark Jones, Andy Goves, Tom Gilmore, Eric Frost, Mick Goss, Dave Richards, Clive Teare, Bill Perry and Dave Palmer (who has just had a heart attack)
3. **Matters Arising:** National AGM: Jeff reiterated what had occurred at the 2010 AGM to put the matter in context. The Wiltshire reps were unhappy with the direction that NARF was taking and it ended up as a row. Gerry Wilmott was very abrasive but deserved to be listened to. After the meeting Jeff Goddard went to Wiltshire and spoke to the representatives, who stated that the problem was that the National Council had no direction and they could do a better job themselves. As a consequence Wiltshire have left until improvements are made Nationally.
4. **Government Pensions Bill:** Jeff explained that current proposed changes means that we will all lose money, because of the change from Retail Price Index to the Consumer Prices Index would equate to a 1% difference this year, but it is a compound loss that will lose Jeff Goddard £35k over a 25 year period. NARF is not geared up for campaigning on a national scale but, we are linked to two other organisations that are – namely National Pension Council, (which is very union orientated) and the Public Sector Pension Council. (who are organising militant action.)
Although there is not enough money for NARF to undertake a fight over this matter we may be able to join with the FBU, but NARF should increase its income and influence in some way.
Minutes are no longer being taken at National meetings, only notes for action.
There is a new editor for the magazine and the website needs to be taken in hand. A business plan is being prepared. Although the situation is not too good it is at present all we have got.
5. **Election of Officers**
The following were elected unanimously by the members attending:
 - a. **Branch Chairman** – Jeff Goddard (proposed by Peter Robinson & Seconded by Terry Price)



- b. **Branch Secretary** - Peter Robinson – on a temporary basis - (Proposed by Terry Price & Seconded by Jeff Goddard)
- c. **Assistant Branch Secretary** – Terry Price (Proposed by Peter Robinson & Seconded by John Coombs)
- d. **Branch Treasurer** – Ernie Shankster (Proposed by Jeff Goddard & Seconded by John Coombs)
- e. **Branch Representative to District** – John Biggs (Proposed by Frank Knowles & Seconded by Peter Robinson)
- f. FFC Branch Representative – TBA

6. Any Other Business:

- Frank Knowles suggested that the magazine could be sent electronically
- Thanks from the floor for Terry's help in organising the Dinner
- Thanks from the floor for John Coombs term of office as secretary
- Thanks from Terry Price for the support being given for the Dinner
- Peter Robinson requested that a meeting be held in October
- Terry Price suggested that business meetings and social events be separated

7. Dates of next meeting and social events to be advised when available.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.35 hrs.

