

AGM 2020 (Acting) Chairmans Report - Dave Clegg

The year 2020 started badly with the committee being told there is a six year limit for serving on the committee. This meant half our committee members would have to stand down. So they did! Barrie, Peter and Jane Dare, Jan and John Davis all decided to resign. This left me, Jo Galley and Pat Pollard. If we didn't get a minimum of six in committee, the branch would have to close down. Thankfully three came forward namely Jill Osborne, Richard (Jim) Bayliss and Simon Meyers and we survived. Unfortunately we didn't have a Chairman nor a Secretary so I took on Acting Chairman as well as Treasurer and Jim Bayliss was coerced into Secretary and later Newsletter editor (and a fine job he's made of them).

Then all we had to do was vote them in at the AGM.

Easier said than done as the Covid-19 pandemic struck in March and Lockdown no.1 swept over the world. I say no.1 in hindsight as little did we know there would be more than 1! We waited for the Lockdown to pass in time to hold the AGM but it continued into August by which time Head Office had said it was too late, just publish the Committee members and Financial Report on our local website so we did on our News page. [News \(weymouthdorchesterparkinsons.org.uk\)](https://www.veymouthdorchesterparkinsons.org.uk). And we are still waiting!

Face to face meetings are banned and Zoom is only useable to those with a computer. About half our membership do not have one. Therefore we can only do face to face meetings so will wait for the lockdowns to finish. This applies to fundraising as well.

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Acting Chairman