



Minutes of AGM 16 September 2021

Hilary Atkinson opened the meeting at 11.00am and welcomed everyone, noting that it was over 18 months since members had last met. She went on to explain that the main focus of the meeting was to approve the two years' accounts that had been delayed because of COVID 19. Following the relaxation of COVID 19 restrictions on the 19th July, the Charities Commission had advised that the 2020 accounts should be submitted by the end of September 2021.

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Ann Sayer, Barbara Preston, Gwenn Perks, Ann and Harry Haden, Jane Lord, Maureen Walters and Tony Jones.

2) Minutes of the AGM 2019

The Minutes were adopted as a true and fair record

Proposed – Chris Walters

Seconded – Brenda Reid

Passed unanimously

3) Approval of the 2019/20 Accounts

These accounts were posted on the website and were compiled by Ann Williams. There were no questions about these accounts so it was proposed that they be accepted

Proposed – Christine Julier

Seconded – Neil Derbyshire

Passed unanimously

4) Approval of the 2020/21 Accounts

Our new treasurer, Neil Derbyshire explained that although there was no subscription income the Society still had outgoings against the account and these were for maintaining the website, sending out the Newsletter etc. Judith Wilshaw pointed out that the income from the sale of books by Warwick Burton given to the Society raised over £400 in 2019/2020 but it is unlikely that the book will generate such income in future years. Geoff Higgins asked if any of the Society's surplus income was invested and he was told that it was not but is on deposit with the bank. These accounts have been inspected and that is all that is required, an audit is not necessary. It was then proposed that the accounts be accepted.

Proposer – Geoff Higgins

Seconded – Louise Thistleton

Passed unanimously

5) Election of Committee

All current members of the committee were willing to stand for re-election

Hilary Atkinson

Jackie Collins

Ruth Hargreaves

David Burridge

Karen Wellings

Judith Wilshaw

Louise Thistleton

Martin Cruickshank

Neil Derbyshire

As there were no other nominations, the Chairman put the names forward en bloc.

Proposed – Chris Walters
Seconded – Lynda Jenkins

Passed unanimously

6) Committee vacancies

Following the sad death of Ann Hearle there is a vacancy for a committee member and the present committee are actively seeking a new member. One person has expressed an interest but not at the moment. It has been encouraging to the Archive group to have had two much younger people show an interest and one of them has been to visit the Archive group on two occasions.

7) Election of Honorary Examiner

Dale Spencer has agreed to perform this role again.

Proposed – Christine Julier
Seconded – Brenda Reid

Passed unanimously

8) A. O. B.

Chris Walter asked who is in charge of the Archive group now and the Chairman replied that no one person has overall charge but work is done by mutual agreement. She was able to tell the meeting that during lockdown there had been a lot of enquiries via the website from people researching their own family history and all these enquiries had been answered. It is encouraging to see that the website is being widely used as all the material in the Archives has no value unless people are aware of it. Another initiative that has been completed during lockdown is setting up a portal so that the material related to Compstall is now available to people who have an interest in that area. Judith Wilshaw was able to give details of how she and her husband had responded to a request from the Footpath Officer from SMBC for help with information about a leaflet relating to a particular trail. She was able to give the information needed and that work is still in progress.

The meeting closed at 11.20am.