

Mere Historical Society

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in the Grove Building

Present: Chairman (Peter Lewis), Committee Members: Caroline Cook, Gerry Cook, Diane Ellis, Peter Landymore, Julia Mottershaw, Peter Platt-Higgins (Treasurer), Jenny Wilding; plus approximately 55 members

1 Apologies: None

2 Minutes of the AGM of 5th April 2016 had been circulated in the Newsletter of February 2017. These were unanimously approved by those present for signature by the Chairman. Proposer: Mary Lewis; Seconder: Wendy Hiscock.

3 Matters Arising: None

4 Reports to the AGM:

4.1 Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report and Final Accounts for 2016 had been circulated in the Newsletter of February 2017. Acceptance of the Report was proposed by John Burrough, seconded by Steve Hoffman and approved by the meeting. The Treasurer thanked Peter Dethick for checking the accounts.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that he would be resigning from his role at the next AGM in 2018 having completed 8 years' in office to date. He invited anyone interested in taking up the position to contact him.

4.2 Chairman's Report:

- The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his work on the accounts and reiterated thanks to Peter Dethick for checking them.
- He said it had been a good year and thanked all who had contributed, particularly members of the Committee. He wished to publicly express his gratitude to Tony Grinyer for all his work for the Society.
- He reported that the changed pattern of Evening Lectures, with none in January and February, seemed to be working well. He said that the standard of Morning talks has been high and these are generally well-attended. He expressed the view that, whilst it is important to maintain contributions to the programme from members, there is scope to involve outside speakers as well and that this is currently under discussion.
- The Chairman reminded the meeting that the next Evening Lecture is on 25 April with a talk on A Lost Medieval Manor by Hilary Griffiths and that Morning Talks will resume in October 2017.

5 Election of Committee: No new nominations had been received. Peter Landymore has recently joined the Committee and the Chairman introduced the current Committee Members to the meeting as listed in the Newsletter February 2017. He reported that they had all agreed to stand for re-election with the exception of Jenny Wilding, the Archivist. He asked for them to be re-elected and this was agreed unanimously. Proposer: Joan Sutton; Seconder: Monique Turnbull.

6 AOB:

6.1 The Archivist, Jenny Wilding, informed the meeting that she has resigned from her position. She said that the Archive is complete, numbered and catalogued, and now needs someone to run it. This could be two people working together and should not be too difficult. She offered to give a tour of the Archive and invited anyone interested to give her their contact details or to let her know of anyone else who might be interested. Jenny said that she would continue to catalogue the Archive.

6.2 Caroline Cook asked members to let her know if they would like to be sent email reminders of Society events and conversely to let her know if they would prefer not to receive such emails.

6.3 The Chairman thanked Steve Hoffman for his ongoing work on the Society's website which now contains more information including events, forthcoming visits and the Archive index. Peter Landymore reminded the meeting that the Newsletter is available on the website.

6.4 Judy Phillips offered a vote of thanks for the Committee and the work done by Jenny Wilding on the Archive.

There was no further business.

Signed as a true record:

Date: