

DEREHAM ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 293648

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting Held on Wednesday 13 February 2019, 7.30 pm at Trinity Methodist Hall, Theatre Street, Dereham

The Chairman, Dr Peter Wade-Martins, opened the meeting by thanking members of the Dereham Antiquarian Society for attending (31 plus Peter excluding non-members). The Chairman introduced the committee and offered apologies on behalf of Natalie Small and requested that best wishes be recorded on behalf of the committee for a speedy recovery.

The Chairman proceeded to explain the procedure which would be followed for the evening with particular reference to voting and appointed two non-committee volunteer tellers - Jenny Lock and John Sketcher.

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Joan Cole, Andrew Fielding, Pat Skittrall, Marian King, Marigold Merkel and Natalie Small.

2. Minutes

2.1 The minutes of the 65th AGM were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Chairman's Report

4.1 All members had received a copy of the Chairman's Report before the meeting. The Chairman began by thanking everybody on the Committee for their hard work during the previous year, as well as thanking the museum volunteers and in particular Natalie Small for organising the Archive move. The Chairman ended his report by requesting that extra museum volunteers come forward for the 2019 season and introduced Catherine Hawkins, new Volunteer Co-ordinator.

5. Mentor's Report

5.1 The Society's Mentor (Megan Dennis) gave a report on the year's activities and forthcoming changes to museum displays. A full copy of the report would be published in the next Newsletter.

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1 Members had received a copy of the independently examined 2018 accounts before the meeting. The Treasurer (Ken Hawkins) explained how the accounts had been structured, after which the accounts were adopted.

7. Proposed Items for Open Discussion

The Treasurer stated that in advance of the meeting two votes had been received from non AGM attendees and asked if the attending membership were satisfied that those votes be recorded. There were no objections.

7.1 The Chairman proposed the following items:

(7.1.1) On behalf of the Committee the Chairman proposed that the society's name be changed from Dereham Antiquarian Society to Dereham Heritage Trust. The Society's President the Reverend Jonathon Boston, Anthea Briggs and Bob Davies spoke against the change, Stef Spooner and Ken Hawkins spoke in support.

(7.1.2) On behalf of the Committee the Chairman proposed constitutional changes. There were no comments.

(7.1.3) On behalf of the Committee the Chairman proposed an increase to member subscription rates:

- Single member £12.00 (formerly £10.00)
- Joint members at the same address £20.00 (formerly £17.00)

The president offered his support for the increase. No member spoke against.

7.2 The meeting adjourned while votes were collected and counted.

8. Voting

8.1 The meeting resumed and the results were announced by the Treasurer as follows:

| | Members For | Members Against | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Name change | 22 | 9 | (plus 1 abstention) **See note |
| 2. Constitution changes | 30 | 2 | |
| 3. Subscription increase | 32 | 0 | |

8.2 All motions were carried having reached the necessary majorities required by the constitution.

8.3 The Treasurer confirmed that item 2 (constitutional changes) would subsequently need to be approved by the Charity Commission.

8.4 The Chairman thanked the tellers.

(** please note that on the night an incorrect result for item 1 was announced, being

22 for and 10 against as the abstention had not been correctly recorded. This was subsequently amended, however did not affect the announced result in support of the name change.)

9. The President

9.1 The President took over the meeting and having asked for any other nominations, the President proposed Dr Peter Wade-Martins for re-election as Chairman. This was carried.

10. Committee Nominations

10.1 The Chairman introduced the new secretary nominee, Sue Rockley and proposed the following committee nominations *en bloc*:

Ken Hawkins - Treasurer
Trevor Ogden - Vice Chairman
Sue Rockley - Secretary
Natalie Small - Committee member
Robena Brown - Committee member

10.2 All nominations were carried.

10.3 Jim Stebbings will be asked to continue as Independent Examiner and Megan Dennis will continue as Mentor.

10.4 The Chairman gave thanks to the outgoing secretary for her work.

11. Any Other Business

None.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

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Chairman