

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
**Wychwoods Local History Society**  
held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Milton Village Hall

**Apologies:** Catherine Hitchens and Barbara Hadoke

**1. Approve the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

**2. Matters arising.**

No matters arising.

**3. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman, Roger Watts, welcomed everyone and noted that he had emailed to all members the papers relevant for the AGM and hoped that everybody received copies, additional paper copies were available if needed.

Roger reported:

"Once again, it's been a difficult year for our history society meetings due to Covid 19, culminating in the postponement of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, which as it happened fell exactly on the 8<sup>th</sup> September last year. However, as you will have noticed, we are holding it here today.

Behind the scenes we have had better success, we have scanned all our Journals on to the website which I strongly urge you to visit as there is also a vast amount of local history and interest. We do still have a number of hard copies of the Journals if you would prefer one of those.

Meetings that have been held face to face have been very well attended. I hope that we can turn this attendance in to membership, as going forward we are entering a new phase for the history society.

I can announce today, that we have secured the tenancy of an office to hold all the archives of the Wychwoods Local History Society. This of course comes at a cost, and we hope that the membership and the local parishes will see the importance of this move and help to support us.

We are seeking support from interested parties, and especially anyone with any background in archive management to help us in bringing the archives under one roof and helping to sort them into an accessible system.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work throughout the year and for putting up with me!"

#### **4. Treasurer's report.**

The treasurer, Janet Wiltshire, presented a financial summary for the year:

We currently have 73 members, £850 in subs. collected, total in bank £2513.04. Annual profit £13.09.

Major expenditure £1293.60 to Printer to prepare journals for digitalization, off-set by £900 Greening Lamborn Trust grant.

No change to subs in forthcoming season, i.e. £20 for two people at same address, £15 individual, £3 per visitor.

Reminders to renew subs to be sent out in the Summer, payment via online bank transfer, cheque or cash.

Any Questions – none

Acceptance of accounts was proposed by Lesley Croft and seconded by Anne Matthews.

#### **5. Voting in of Committee**

The Committee are:

Chairman and Meeting Secretary

Roger Watts

Vice Chairman

Vacant

Treasurer

Janet Wiltshire

Secretary

John Bennett

Committee Members

Alan Vickers Sue Richards and David Betterton

The Committee will stand on block. Proposed by Lynda Forster and seconded by Paula Nielsen.

#### **6. AOB**

None

#### **7. Date of Next AGM 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Next meeting of the Society is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, When Mark Bathurst will be telling us about the Medway Queen.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and please do have another look at the exhibition. And we look forward to seeing you all again on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

..... Chairman

..... Date