

## Farnham and District Museum Society

Minutes of 54th Annual General Meeting – 06 April 2017  
Held in the United Reformed Church, Farnham at 20:30

### 1. Apologies for absence

Olivia Cotton, Pam Wagerfield, Gill Picken, Tricia Knight,  
Cathie Fitzgerald

### 2. Election of Chairman for the Meeting

Pam Taylor was elected.

### 3. Minutes of the 52nd AGM

It was noted that the Minutes were available on the website and were approved.

### 4. Matters Arising

None

### 5. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman's Report was printed in the March Journal.

Additionally the Chairman thanked the committee and the additional helpers like Nick, Andrew and Peter who set up and clear for the meetings.

The Chairman asked for anyone who was interested in joining the committee to contact her.

FDMS funds are being used to support the Research Library collections and a new computer has been purchased which is compatible with the ones used in the Museum office.

Plans for 2017 include support for the "Finding Farnham" Gostrey Meadow dig and backing for the Lottery bid for new town trail leaflets by Anne Sassin.

Bequest money is only to be used for special projects for the Museum as agreed with the Curator.

Waverley Borough Council have suggested moving the Museum from Wilmer House again, the society would be watchful of any proposals.

Tony Merson's family (Tony died just before Christmas) have kindly donated many postcards, books and archive materials to the Society. Pam, Pat Heather and Peter Minett are sorting the material for donation to the Museum, Surrey History Centre, Tilford Rural Life Centre and Hampshire Record Office.

Adoption was proposed by Nick Hughes, seconded Wendy Maddocks and approved.

### 6. The Annual Report of the Treasurer and Adoption of Accounts

The interim report was printed in the March Journal.

Mike Mitchell distributed copies of the final accounts, which will be added to the website. He welcomed Patrick Rendell, our examiner, to the AGM.

Income from subscriptions and donations at meetings have increased.

Attendances were: 372 members and 89 guests.

The General Fund is in surplus despite costs increasing and the number of subscriptions being down. The money from the Friends fund was transferred as agreed.

Only one new publication title and sales overall have reduced sales but the publications fund is still in surplus.

The Sydney Reeves bequest has been received. It will be used for the benefit of the Museum.

Mike was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the Society.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Roger Godfrey, seconded by Peter Minett and agreed.

## 7. Election of Officers

- i. David Graham will continue as president.
- ii. Pam Taylor has agreed to continue as Chairman for another year.
- iii. Mike Mitchell will continue as Treasurer for another year.
- iv. Angela Arathoon will continue as Minutes Secretary.
- v. Cathie Fitzgerald, Peter Minett and Gill Picken have agreed to remain on the committee.
- vi. Helen Michel will serve until a successor is found.

It was agreed to adopt the above en-bloc. This was proposed by Nick Hughes, seconded by Wendy Maddocks and agreed

## 8. Any Other Business

### 8.1

Geoff Wallace raised the subject of the microfiche reader in the Research Library for access to the Farnham Herald. The early copies, including those covering the Great War years, have been digitised. Copies of the CDs are available at Surrey History Centre and Tilford Rural Life Centre. It is expected that other years will be added gradually.

### 8.2

Geoff also asked who had funded the Garden Gallery.

The list follows:

Waverley Borough Council, The Heritage Lottery Fund, Biffaward, SITA Trust, Waverley Community Partnership Fund, The Ernest Cook Trust, S.C.Johnson Ltd, The Farnham Institute Charity, Friends of Farnham Museum, Farnham and District Museum Society, Farnham town Council, The Farnham Trust and Surrey County Council.

### 8.3

Andrew Millett reported that the gardener would like to have the conifer in the Museum garden removed. This will be raised at the next committee meeting with the Museum curators.

### 9.3

John Price raised the issue of who holds the archaeological watching brief on local developments. Surrey CC and Surrey Archaeological Society have the responsibility to work with Developers.

The Chairman thanked all those who had stayed for the AGM.

The AGM closed at 21:05

Angela Arathoon – 22 April 2017

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