

**THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday 19th April 2018 at 8.00 p.m.**  
**Fowden Hall, Rothamsted, Harpenden**  
**MINUTES**

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**1. President's Address**

The President, Alison Steer, welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Members: Geoff Newman, Peter Underhill, Gavin & Rosemary Ross

**3. Minutes of the AGM of the 20th April 2017**

Approval of the minutes of the April 2017 AGM was proposed by Chris Marsden and seconded by Harry Downie and agreed by the meeting with no matters arising.

**4. Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman stated that he hoped that members had read the Society's Annual Report which had been distributed to members before the meeting. The Annual Report outlined the work of the Society over the past year. He stated that he did not plan to repeat what was in the report but he asked for any questions. There were none.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report, copies of which had been previously sent to members by email and copies of which were available throughout the hall, was presented by the Treasurer. The Treasurer confirmed that the Society's finances are in sound shape.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Caroline Roberts and seconded by Elizabeth Briggs. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

David Jones, the Society's Independent Examiner, is resigning after serving for 5 years. David was thanked by the Chairman for his work during the past 5 years. John Bristow was proposed as the new Independent Examiner by Harry Downie. This proposal was seconded by Jan Smith and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

**6. Election of Officers & Committee Members**

The President thanked all the officers and committee members for their hard work during the past year.

The President referred to the nominations for the Officers and Committee members listed in the agenda, copies of which had been provided throughout the hall, and stated that nominees were all willing to stand as stated.

**Chairman**

The President stated that the current Chairman, Phil Waters, was standing for re-election.

The election of the new Chairman was approved by the meeting.

**Officers**

The President stated that the secretary, Bob Fletcher, and the treasurer, Harry Downie, had expressed a willingness to continue for a further year.

Secretary Bob Fletcher

Treasurer Harry Downie

The election of the Officers was approved by the meeting.

**Committee members**

The President stated that the following committee members had expressed a willingness to continue for a further year.

Penny Ayres, Michael Waddilove, Pauline Waddilove, John Davis, Alan Jackson, Tim Riley, Ron Taylor, John Harris, Janet Smith, John Lowe, Paul Gardiner, Alan Falconer, Geoff Newman and Alan Bunting.

Additionally, a new member was standing for election: Chris Armitage.

The election of the Committee Members was approved by the meeting.

7. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business

8. **Date of the next AGM**

25<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

9. **Close**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the formal part of the meeting at 8.10 p.m.