



MINUTES OF THE THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2023 AT 2.00 PM

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS NORTH STREET CHICHESTER

Ian Farman, Chair, opened the meeting at 2 pm and welcomed members.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Sybil Papworth, Tony Chapman, Rosalind Bowen, Pam Priscott, Claire and Alan Power

- ### **2. Approval of documents – Ian asked for approval of the following documents which had been available on the Society's website:**
- a. Minutes of the thirty seventh Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 - taken as read
 - b. The Chairman's Report 2022-2023 – taken as read
 - c. The Treasurer's Report and Examined Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023 – taken as read

Approval of these documents was proposed by Sue Farman, seconded by Gillian Scott and approved unanimously.

3. Election of the Committee

- a. Committee Members are elected or re-elected each year. The following Committee Members were retiring:
 - i. Ian Farman as Chairman
 - ii. Patricia Goodhew as Honorary Secretary
 - iii. Gillian Scott as Programme Secretary
 - iv. Sue Farman as Membership Secretary
 - v. Angela Hodgson as Arts Volunteer Co-Ordinator

Ian Farman paid tribute to all Committee Members but particularly to those who were retiring after serving for a number of years, some of them during the difficult periods of lockdown – Patricia Goodhew, Sue Farman and Angela Hodgson.

Ian handed over to Brenda Gay, a previous Chair, to conduct the elections. Brenda was replacing Claire Power, who had been obliged to offer her apologies. Ian thanked Brenda who had stepped in at very short notice.

.Brenda asked members to approve the following nominations:

b. The following new Officers:

- i. Gillian Scott as Chair
Proposed by Ian Farman, seconded by Ian Milton and approved unanimously
- ii. Kathryn Pearce as Honorary Secretary
Proposed by Patricia Goodhew, seconded by Gillian Scott and approved unanimously

c. The re-election of the following Officer

- i. Tony Chapman as Treasurer and Audio-Visual Officer
Proposed by Ian Farman, seconded by Joan Langhorne and approved unanimously

4. To elect the following Committee Members en bloc

- i. Hilary Williams as Programme Secretary
- ii. Prim Hoult and Rosalind Bowen as joint Membership Secretaries
- iii. Ian Milton as Heritage Arts and Visits Co-Ordinator
- iv. Deborah Bartlett-Pitt as Study Day Co-Ordinator
- v. Joan Langhorne
Proposed by Sue Farman, seconded by Patricia Goodhew and approved unanimously

5. To elect the following:

- i. Sybil Papworth as Honorary President
- ii. Ian Farman as Honorary Vice-President
Proposed by Gillian Scott, seconded by Ian Milton and approved unanimously

6. Appointment of Financial Examiner for the accounts for the year 2023-2024.

John Aitken proposed by Angela Hodgson, seconded by Ian Farman and approved unanimously

7. Any Other Business

Patricia Goodhew as retiring Hon Secretary, confirmed that there was no other business

8. Vote of Thanks

Gillian Scott, newly elected Chair thanked Ian Farman for all his work, particularly during the difficult period when Covid-19 meant that members could not meet in person. Ian steered the Society through the “Zoom” lectures and ensured its continuation by identifying and encouraging members to stand for election to the Committee. To show the appreciation of the Society, Gillian made a presentation to Ian.

A presentation was also made to those Committee Members who were retiring.

The meeting ended at 2.13 pm