

**Minutes of the 28th AGM of the Itchenor Society
Held at the Itchenor Memorial Hall
Friday 3rd November 2017 at 19.30**

PRESENT: 57 people signed the attendance record. However the attendance was estimated to be nearer 70

APPOLGIES:

Alistair & Janie Impey, Mark & Sue Kalderon, Brian Jones & Gina Lansdale, David and Shirley Curry, Caroline Dunn, Jason & Holly Lansdale, Geoffrey & Carole Ashford, Margaret Raggett, Clive & Judith Tonbridge, Graham Colbourne, Ben & Rosemary Harvey, Alison Griffiths

MINUTES: of the 27th AGM having been circulated were proposed by Philip Edwards and seconded by Chris Blevins and were accepted unanimously

TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS: The accounts were circulated to the membership. The Hon. Treasurer Mrs. Meryl Mead Briggs pointed out various figures in the account for greater clarity. The accounts were accepted unanimously.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mrs. Alexandra Webb

After welcoming everyone to the 28th Annual General Meeting, the Chairman paid tribute to Ian Christmas who had been Treasurer of the Itchenor Society for twenty three years who had sadly passed away. The Chairman went on to report that the Rules of Association, which were set out twenty-eight years ago are now being reviewed. The proposed revised Rules of Association will be circulated to the membership prior to adoption at next years AGM. Old Haven is still an on going problem and although there have been four planning applications which have been refused, the applicant has now served an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate and has asked that it be determined by a three day Public Inquiry. CDC has objected to this proposal because of expense and its small-scale nature. The Bristol Planning Inspectorate will decide how this is resolved. Whichever way is chosen, CDC is recommending that The Itchenor Society joins with the Parish Council as what is known as a Rule 6 party so that the village is represented under one banner. This will be an Agenda item for the Parish Council on 13 Nov. 17 at 19.00

The Itchenor Society contributed £1000 to Birdham Village Residents Association planning appeal regarding the Birdham Farm Travellers site to help protect the AONB.

For many years the Itchenor Society has been responsible for organising the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Hard. This year we have had two families who lost loved ones in 1944 visit Itchenor and lay a wreath on the Bench. One family was from South Shields and the other from Canada. Both families brought various copies of photos and letters.

The Summer Party was very successful this year at the lovely home of Liz Fox. There is still the walking Carols to look forward to on the 15th December and the Winter Lunch on 4th February. The Chairman thanked her committee who had supported her over the last four years.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN: Having been duly proposed and seconded Mr. Alistair Impey was unanimously elected. Unfortunately due to other commitments Alistair Impey was not able to attend the AGM, however, he sent a letter of acceptance, which Mrs. Alexandra Webb read out.

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS: Mrs. Glynis Lansdale, Secretary Mr. Colin Simpson, Membership Secretary and Mrs. Meryl Mead-Briggs, Treasurer having been duly proposed and seconded were unanimously elected or re-elected.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The following having been duly proposed and seconded were unanimously re-elected. Mr. Mark Bray, Mrs. Caroline Dunn, Rev. Jim Mould, Mrs. Margaret Raggett, Mr. Tony Roach and Mr. Alastair Spencer.

ELECTION OF THE HON. AUDITOR: Mrs. Anne Taylor proposed by Mrs. A. Arnold and seconded by Mr. E. Roose and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Colin Simpson presented Mrs. Alexandra Webb with a bouquet of flowers from the Itchenor Society thanking her for her work as Chairman for the last four years. He also thanked Brian, her husband for his support over the four years.

Any Other Business: There was none

The Chairman then welcomed our guest speaker Richard Craven, Harbour Master, who gave an interesting talk on the workings of the Harbour. The Chairman thanked the Harbour Master for his informative talk and for the close working relationship the Itchenor Society has with the Harbour Conservancy.

The Membership were then invited to enjoy a glass of wine and the canapés provided by the ladies of the village..