

# Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Itchenor Society

Friday 10th November 2023 at 6pm

**Present:** 68 people signed the attendance record.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM and began with his report, Agenda Item 4.

## 4. Chairman's Report

- **Newsletter:** The Autumn Newsletter has been delivered to every household. Pictures of children are not included but are available on request. It was agreed that the newsletter would continue to be printed. Within the Newsletter, some of the big issues that our community is now facing were flagged up. The Chairman asked residents to contact the Society to ask how they can help.
- **Traffic and Verges:** Callous home development is impacting on everyone with the size and volume of large HGVs and van parking on verges. Residents should contact the property owners and their architects and the Society when the planning applications are put in before builders start work. Chichester planners cannot be relied upon to control this traffic.
- **Winter Lunch:** The year started with a very successful Winter Lunch at the Sailing Club. This will be repeated on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, this time on a Saturday so as not to interfere with the Club's own Sunday Carvery.
- **Coronation Party:** The Coronation Party was a great success and broke even, which was the intention.
- **Wreath Laying:** The Wreath laying ceremony, to mark the Loss of 601 Squadron, was supported by our new Harbour Master and the new CEO of the Harbour Conservancy. The turnout seems to be growing so everyone was thanked for supporting this. A bugler has been booked for next year.
- **Proposed New Jetty:** The Marine Maritime Organisation published its consultation. The Society worked with the Parish Council and the Sailing Club to provide a suitable response. The result of that consultation is not yet known. We cannot rely on the Council to protect us. We have to act.
- **Salterns Way:** Planning approved The Saltern's way extension but the Conservancy still await approval from the Secretary of State for improving the cyclist path across the Common at Shipton Green.
- **Village Fete:** The Memorial Hall have decided to run another Village Fete in 2024 on the Bank Holiday Saturday and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May. The Society will share the cost of the Marquee. The Sleepy Lagoon Orchestra has been booked for the Sunday afternoon.
- **Thanks:** The Chairman thanked the committee for their hard work this year. Jim Mould and Leigh Hall are leaving us, Jim after 11 years. Jim was presented with a Thank You gift. Leigh, the Society Secretary for 2 years is standing down. She was unable to join us this evening. The role of Hon. Secretary is currently available  
Two new members have joined the Committee: Jo Morgan and Andy Gardner.  
Previous Society Chairman, present in the Hall, were asked to stand up. Five did:  
Peter Dean, Peter Henshaw, Alistair Impey, Christopher Mead-Briggs, Alex Webb. This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of the Society.

The order of the Agenda was then resumed

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Chris and Clare Blevins

Elizabeth Powell

Roland Saam

Michael and Margaret Chater

Roger Yeoman

Patrick and Susie Green

Peter Lansdale

Leigh Hall

Jason and Holly Lansdale

Ann Taylor

2. **To Approve the Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM.**

These were proposed by Colin McLean and seconded by Philip Edwards

3. **To receive the Accounts**

The Society has donated £1,300: £300 to the Ukraine Support, £500 to St Nicholas Church and £500 to the Itchenor Memorial Hall. The Society's income was just short of £9,500. The deficit for the year was £100. The Society has £8,603.17 in the bank together with £693.20 in the separate Pledge Account. The accounts were proposed and seconded.

4. **To Receive the Chairman's Report**

(see above)

At this point Alastair Spencer took over the Chairmanship of the meeting

5. **Election of Chairman**

Jim Dunn was elected for one more year. He was duly proposed and seconded.

Jim Dunn resumed the Chairmanship of the meeting

6. **Election of Officers**

The role of Honorary Secretary is vacant. The following were duly elected:

Hon Treasurer: Lynn MacQueen

Membership: Meryl Mead-Briggs

7. **Election of the Executive Committee**

The following were duly elected:

Maria Daultry

Jo Morgan

Andy Gardner

Sarah Murray

Christopher Griffiths

Alastair Spencer

8. **To Elect the Hon. Auditor**

Mrs Ann Taylor was duly elected as the Hon. Auditor and proposed and seconded

9. **AOB**

- **20 mph Speed Limit:** The Parish Council is dealing with this. Leaflets will be distributed from the PC in the next 7 days.
- **Foreshore Path:** Parts of the path by Northshore has been washed away. Can the Conservancy do something about this? The Society will follow this up.
- **VDS Status:** Why do CDC Planning officers not refer to the VDS. It is a little out-of-date as updated in 2012 but there have been no major changes in the village. The Officers do not refer to it because the VDS was not awarded SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) status. CDC members do take notice.
- **Christmas Carols:** Members were reminded that the Society's Christmas Carols will be held at the Sailing Club on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm. Donations in support of the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice Charity will be collected. Ian Stern will play the piano.

Meeting ended at 6.40 pm and refreshments were served.

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023