

# Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Itchenor Society

Friday 22nd November 2024 at 6pm, Itchenor Memorial Hall

**Present** 56 people signed the attendance record.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM and began with his report, Agenda Item 2.

## 2. Chairman's Report

### Winter Lunch

As usual the year started with Winter Lunch at the Sailing Club.

This will be repeated on 2nd February 2025, but this time at the Ship Inn who promise us a good Sunday roast and table service.

### Summer Picnic

The Summer picnic With the Sleepy Lagoon Orchestra was well supported.

We again worked with the Hall Trustees to coordinate this with the Village Fete and share the costs of the marquee.

### Summer Party

We had a very pleasant evening of summer Rosé on the front lawn at Itchenor Park farm.

### Wreath Laying - 601 Squadron

The Wreath laying ceremony on The Hard to mark the Loss of 601 Squadron was enhanced further this year by a solo bugler from Chichester university flanked by The Witterings British Legion standard bearers. This is a unique event and we are very grateful for your enthusiasm for it.

### Jetty

You will all be aware that after a long delay, The RYA removed their objection to the Conservancy's new jetty proposals, and without any further discussion with us at the Society,... the Licence to build was granted. This work is only recently completed.

### Village Waterfront

There are many other thoughts about changes to the village waterfront. There is:

- Vision 27 at the Sailing club.
- The sea wall.
- Parking provision.
- Many of you will be aware that the 7 acre Northshore site has changed hands and is now owned by a local man who also owns Northney Marina. Although his future plans are not clear, we have established a dialogue and are hopeful that this will only be a positive thing for our village.

We work hard to listen to and support all organisations in Itchenor to achieve the best future for them and for the residents. Of course they all need to want to engage with us.... and that is not quite as easy as you might think.

In the months ahead I am happy to confirm that Friday 20th December there will be a Dinner at the sailing club with John Stearns. All society members are welcome. Dinner

The order of the agenda was then resumed

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Brian and Alexandra Webb  
Ben Harvey  
Judith and Clive Tunbridge  
Peter and Anne Taylor

Sarah Searle  
Chris and Ali Griffiths  
Maria and Steve Daultrey  
Jo Morgan

**2. To receive Chairman's Report - Jim Dunn (see above)**

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the 33rd AGM.**

These were proposed and seconded

**4. To receive the Accounts - Lynn MacQueen - Treasurer**

The Itchenor Society is financially in a sound position as at 30th September 2024. The IS has funds of £8,133 plus £693.20 held in a pledge account having made a modest net income of £346.43 over the year.

Income for the year totalled £8,439, £4765 from donations from the Itchenor residents the balance being income from events held by the Itchenor Society namely the Winter Lunch, the Summer Picnic and fete, donations from the Carol service.

The Itchenor Society aims include bringing a social element to the village, keeping residents informed of events and making charitable donations. The Itchenor Society has done that again the 2023/2024. Social events include Christmas Trees at the Hard and at the Church £883, a Summer Party of wine and canapés costing £572. Other social events are self funding by attendees. To enhance the communications within the village the Society has also developed a new website showing illustrating the beauty of Itchenor and giving details of events in the village costing £877 and has continued to deliver a newsletter to all households costing £1,030.

The Royal Marine Memorial Service commemorating the loss of 601 LCM Flotilla is supported by the Itchenor Society who supply service sheets and advertise the event costing £117.

I am pleased to say that the Itchenor Society has made donations of £500 to Chestnut Children's Hospice, a £1,000 donation to Stonepillow in the year under review but has also made further donations in October 2024 of £500 to Itchenor Memorial Hall and £500 to St Nicholas Church Itchenor.

**5. Membership and Communications Officers Reports**

After 3 years Meryl Mead-Briggs is now stepping down and the committee would like to thank her VERY much for her support and hard work. The committee is proposing for Ms Sara Kuzbari to be the new Membership Secretary.

All the residents and businesses in Itchenor are MEMBERS of the Itchenor Society.

Those who make an annual donation (subscription, if you like), are held on our records to receive email updates and news.

Sarah Searle, Communication Officer - Sarah has been fantastic in helping us to create a modern website, Twitter and Facebook accounts. We are also grateful to Dave Williams who has provided professional services to us and been a great support to the team.

Please do have a look and use them

**6. Election of Officers**

The following were duly re-elected/elected:

Hon Treasurer: Lynn MacQueen

Membership: Sara Kuzbari

Communications: Sarah Searle

Secretary: Andy Gardner

**7. Election of the Executive Committee**

The following were duly re-elected/

elected:

Alastair Spencer (Parish Council)

Maria Daultry

Yvonne Morris

Jo Morgan

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

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

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**To elect the Chairperson**

Our irreplaceable Chairman, Jim Dunn has reached the end of their term. The committee would like to thank Jim for the huge amount of effort, time and energy he has put into being Chairman.

Chris Griffiths (in his absence) was proposed and duly elected to be the new Chairman

**AOB**

Thanks to Peter Arnold, Chris Mead-Briggs and Susan Taylor for being Land Trustees on behalf of the Itchenor Society

Secretary reminded attendees of future events - Carols, Winter Lunch etc

Meeting ended at 6.45 pm and refreshments were served.

**22nd November 2024**