



The Henley Society

Annual General Meeting

Held at Christ Church Centre, Reading Road, Henley on Thames.

Thursday 27th March 2025 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present:

Julian Brookes, Derek Alway & Diana Duggan, Monnik Vleugels, Nick Richardson, Alfred Waller, Sandra Moon, Catherine Notaras, Chris & Ceri Thompson, Val Karruk, Claire Symons, Angus Ross, Lady Rosemary Hardie, Jeanne Nichols, Nora Scanlon, Roger & Hilary Bennett, Paul Matthews, Peter Stone, Rod & Marie Pearce, Chris Leeming, Sue Brosnan, Denis McCoy, Martin & Judith Hare, Moni Brohn, Laura Wrighton, The Baroness Buscombe of Goring, Judy Clinton and Geoff Lockett

Apologies for absence:

Stan Ainsley & Mollie Jeffrey, Fred and Jeanette Macksey, Caroline Whittake , Lesley Plumb, Colin Chisholm, Dr Peter Ashby, Jean Garon, Bill Hoskins, Joan Clark, Ann Downing , Madeleine and Geoff Probert, Ann Long, Kay Roberston

Welcome The Society President, the Baroness Buscombe of Goring, opened the meeting by welcoming members saying that she could not believe that a year had passed since she last stood before us and how proud she was to be President of the Civic Society of this wonderful riverside town.

Minutes The Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting had been posted on the website and were proposed as a true record by Nora Scanlon, seconded by Alfred Waller and unanimously approved.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising

Chairman's Report The Chairman's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and he repeated his thanks to the hard-working Committee who had overseen another successful year for the Society.

Treasurer's Report & Accounts The Treasurer, Sandra Moon, presented the accounts for year ended 31st December 2024 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Again, they showed a surplus for the year and a healthy balance on hand at year end. Roger Bennett proposed that the accounts be adopted, seconded by Derek Alway and unanimously approved. In answer to a question from the floor, the Treasurer explained that it was good to have a healthy cash balance in case of, say, having to hire solicitors etc to fight a case.

Report on Planning Matters The Planning report jointly produced by the Chairman and Vice Chairman had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Vice Chairman expanded on certain planning issues currently in progress – notably Thames Farm, land west of the Fair Mile, and a recent application for 16 dwellings at the rear of Pennyhill, Woodlands Road.

Appointment of Honorary Auditors Sandra Moon, Treasurer, proposal to re-appoint the Auditor, Brian Villers, was unanimously supported. A letter of thanks would be sent to Mr. Villiers for his work on the 2024 accounts.

Election of Secretary: In accordance with the Constitution Nick Richardson stood down, and having been properly proposed and seconded according to the Constitution, was elected unanimously.

Election of Treasurer: In accordance with the Constitution Sandra Moon stood down and having been properly proposed and seconded offers herself for re-election. Carried unanimously.

Election of Executive Committee: in accordance with the Constitution the Executive Committee all stand down and having been properly proposed and seconded, offered themselves for election for 2025/6. (Julian Brookes, Joan Clark, Dr Jenifer Copeland, Geoff Lockett, Catherine Notaras, Monnik Vleugels). Carried unanimously.

Any Other Business A question from the floor concerned the dangers caused by fast moving traffic on Gravel Hill to pedestrians including Henley College students. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were meeting the College principals soon and would raise the matter.

The Chairman took the opportunity, again, to thank his Committee, both Executive & Planning for their hard work and support during the year.

The President closed the meeting at 8.35pm