



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 12th December 2024
at Herne Farm Leisure Centre, Petersfield**

1. **Apologies:** Jane Bissex, Yvonne Murfitt, Michael & Leslie Owen, Jill Preston, Rosemary Roberts, Ann & Colin Smith, Alan Walder.
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 9th November 2023**
The Minutes of the AGM held on the 9th November 2023, had been circulated prior to the meeting and were shown to those present. They were agreed as an accurate record of the last AGM.
Proposed by: Robin Sallows
Seconded by: Lynne Perris
3. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairman's Report**
Rosie Gaskell-Taylor gave her Chairman's report. She introduced the members of the Committee and thanked the three retiring members: Alan, Sonia and Carol. Rosie reported that membership now stands at 102, with the monthly meetings, the annual holiday (thank you Angela) and day visits (thank you Carol) being well supported. She went on to emphasise that providing the programme of events throughout the year was not easy with such a small Committee. Rosie told the meeting that she and Jane only plan to serve three-year terms in their current roles and, therefore, for the need for more people to join the Committee to prepare for taking on the roles of Chairman and Secretary from the AGM in 2026. However, on a more positive note, with the current Committee in place it will be possible to start planning for 2025/26. Rosie ended by thanking the Committee for all their hard work.
5. **Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Annual Accounts**
The accounts were shown to those present. Alan Walder, the outgoing treasurer, was not present so Mel Hughes briefly outlined the figures.
Proposed by: Lynne Perris
Seconded by: Angela Snow

6. Presentation of Budget for 2024/25: Mel Hughes

There is a predicted loss of £450 for the year 2024/25. Mel explained that the loss is due to the rising costs for speakers, coaches and admin. She suggested that the Club could try to do more fundraising and offer spare day visit places to other local groups to help with funds. The members present were asked if they had any fundraising ideas.

Lynne Perris suggested the Community Matters Token scheme which is run by Waitrose. It was pointed out that the Club is not a charity so this scheme may not be open to us. It was decided to look into this at the next Committee Meeting.

John Devine suggested a Quiz evening. This could be run instead of having a speaker which would save the Club money. The winning team would win a prize. This can be discussed at the next Committee Meeting. This suggestion was made to Mel Hughes and Denise Pattison after the meeting had ended.

7. Election of the Examiner of the Accounts

Christine Stephens had agreed to examine the accounts for the coming year and it was agreed that she be appointed. Mel advised the meeting that Christine is to be paid a lower fee this year.

Proposed by: Chris Snow

Seconded by: Sonia Ratsey

8. Adoption of revised Constitution

The Club Chairman, Rosie Gaskell-Taylor, read a prepared speech detailing the changes which had already been made available to members. There were no questions. All members present voted in favour of adopting the new Constitution.

9. Report on the 2024 Club Holiday

Angela Snow read a prepared speech, attached as a separate document. Angela reported that the 2025 holiday is fully booked.

10. Election of the 2024/25 Committee

Under the new Constitution the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer need to be individually voted on each year. The rest of the members of the Committee need to be voted on every 3 years and it was decided to start that three-year term from this AGM.

Election of Chairman – Rosie Gaskell Taylor

Proposed by: Shawn Miles

Seconded by: Patricia Weston

Election of Secretary – Jane Bissex

Proposed by: Lindsay Stevens

Seconded by: Jane Makin

Election of Treasurer – Mel Hughes

Proposed by: Gordon Churchill

Seconded by: Chris Perris

Election of other Committee Members – Gordon Churchill, Denise Pattison, Angela Snow, Jenny Stevinson
Proposed by: Valerie Connor
Seconded by: Felicity Heal

11. Any other Business

None

End of AGM followed by social gathering, drinks and nibbles.