

The Friends of Nore Barn Woods
Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held at 11am on 11th July 2026

Held in the open grassy area, shaded by some trees, on a very hot, sunny day

Attendees:

Chairman: Roy Ewing
Treasurer: Pam Ewing
Secretary: Madeleine Cox
Committee: Hugh Mudford
Members: Don Grant, Henry Christian, Mike Davidson, Clare Jury, Amanda Oliver, Hilary Munro, Brian Drinkwater, Peter Rowles, Anne Fox-Robinson
Others: Dave Gratton
Apologies: Paul Scales, Val Cameron, Peter Wallbank, Maggie Gebbett, Steve Leniston, Julie Moody

Minutes of 2025 AGM

With no matters arising, acceptance of the minutes proposed by Madeleine Cox and seconded by Hilary Munro. With one abstention as the member wasn't at the AGM last year, all voted in favour with a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

With a clearly laid out chart, the Treasurer presented the 2025 Accounts (which had been on the FONBW website since January 2026). All voted in favour of acceptance of the accounts with a show of hands.

Chairman's Report

See separate report

Election of Trustees

The candidates were as follows:	Chairman	Roy Ewing
	Treasurer	Pam Ewing
	Secretary	Hugh Mudford
	Committee	Paul Scales, Madeleine Cox

Val Cameron has stepped down as a Trustee. Brian Drinkwater proposed acceptance of the Trustees, seconded by Peter Rowles. All voted in favour.

Any Other Business

Emsworth Museum Exhibition: Paul Scales has put together an excellent inter-active display about Nore Barn Woods which will be running on the Museum from 18th July – 30th August.

KCIII Coastal Path signpost: Peter Rowles noted that one of the wooden signposts at the end of the woods was missing. Roy explained it was being replaced.

Local Nature Reserve: Dave Gratton asked why our application for an LNR had been refused. HBC advised that it was of no benefit to stakeholders.

Reed bed pond: Madeleine Cox asked why it was being dug out. Roy explained that the overhanging tress and other debris silts up the pond and it needs annual maintenance to remove this silt.

Emsworth Town Council: Mike Davidson is hopeful that should/when this happens, it will be more proactive in its support of areas such as Nore Barn Woods.

Chichester Harbour Trust: Roy noted that CHT is buying up land in areas around the harbour to secure its future as a nature reserve.

The Chairman closed the AGM at 11.30am, inviting everyone to enjoy the refreshments provided by Pam.