

# The Friends of Nore Barn Woods

## Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting

Held on the foreshore on Saturday 14th July 2018 at 11.00 am in hot weather.

### 11 attendees

Roy Ewing(Chair), Pam Ewing, John Jury, Clare Jury, Laurie Booth, Meg Bennett, Valerie Bowers, Mike Thomas, Doug Outram, Sally Outram, Hilary Munro (late arrival)

### 7 apologies

Jane Shorrock, Maggie Gebbett, Susie Hamblen, Alan & Madeleine Cox, Dee Townsend, Brendan Gibb-Gray

### **Minutes of 2017 AGM**

Read out by Clare Jury. Acceptance proposed by John Jury, seconded by Pam Ewing and agreed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts for year ending 31 December 2017 were presented by the Treasurer:

Balance in bank: £11,450

Spend: £113

Sally Outram asked why the money held by FONBW on behalf of the Solent Way Upgrade Project was not shown as a separate line. Secondly, she asked for the history to the build-up of money and where it had come from. Mike Thomas made his views known along similar lines to Sally.

After considerable discussion around the holding of money by FONBW for a 'third party', and asking for the actual total amount held in the FONBW bank account to be disclosed, those present voted on the motion:

- The Treasurer is to disclose the full balance in the bank account showing money being held on behalf of others and a note to the accounts explaining where the money comes from
- The balance in the bank is therefore £11,450 plus £3995 held on behalf of SWUP

Proposed: Clare Jury

Seconded: John Jury

7 voted for the Motion, 1 against, 4 abstained

### **Chairman's Report**

This was given by Roy Ewing. See [separate document](#).

At the end of the Chairman's Report, Sally Outram asked what had been the FONBW's response to the Access Management Report recently published. The Chairman had drawn up responses to several sections of the report, pointed out inaccuracies and corrected other

misleading statements. He added in comments he'd received from committee members before submitting the FONBW response.

### **Motions**

As the Chairman had not received any Motions before the meeting he confirmed there were none. Sally Outram said she had been unaware items under Motions needed to be flagged up ahead of the AGM. When alerting members to the AGM next year, the Chairman said he would make it clearer that items under Motions were to be sent to him ahead of the meeting

### **Election of Trustees**

The candidates were as follows:

Chairman: Roy Ewing

Treasurer: Pam Ewing

Secretary: Susie Hamblen

Committee members: John Jury, Clare Jury and Madeleine Cox (new committee member)

Proposed: Hilary Munro

Seconded: Doug Outram

9 in favour, 2 abstained

The candidates were duly elected.

### **Any Other Business**

Sally Outram asked why FONBW should be holding money for a community project, i.e. SWUP and that FONBW members should have been asked for their approval. She explained what the project is, i.e. a bridge and walkway from the end of Warblington Road to the edge of Nore Barn Woods. The Chairman said the Committee had given its approval to holding the money. After input from several around the table, giving different opinions and concerns, the Chairman said he would raise the matter of holding money and support for SWUP at the September committee meeting and a decision would be made as to whether a special meeting should be called for members to vote.

Pam Ewing said FONBW owed a huge debt of thanks to the Chairman for the many hours he spends not only in Nore Barn Woods but at his computer and chasing up the Council and any other organisations that need to be reminded of their responsibilities for the conservation of the Woods. A well-deserved round of applause followed from those present.

Pam herself was thanked for the delicious refreshments she had provided for those attending the meeting and indeed for every work party day throughout the year

The Chairman closed the AGM at 11:47am