

The Friends of Nore Barn Woods

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting

Held on the foreshore on Saturday 14th Aug 2021 at 11.00 am in fine weather.

Attendees:

Chairman Roy Ewing
Treasurer Pam Ewing
Secretary Madeleine Cox
Committee Barry King-Smith, Clare Jury
In addition 13 members

Apologies

Zena Chaddock, Susie Hamblin, Brendan Gibb-Gray and Anne Fox-Robinson

Minutes of 2020 AGM

With no matters arising, Madeleine Cox proposed acceptance of the Minutes, seconded by Hilary Munro. All voted in favour by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts for year ending 31 December 2020 are posted on the website, and were presented by the Treasurer. Because of the pandemic the only expenditure was for such as repairs to the Notice Board. With some donations received and a new Life member, the balance in the bank at the end of 2020 was £16,442, which included £4,408 Restricted funds for such as Tools.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Hilary Munro, seconded by Maggie Gebbett. All voted in favour by a show of hands.

Chairman's Report

This was given by Roy Ewing and is now available on the website.

Election of Trustees

The candidates were as follows:

Chairman: Roy Ewing

Treasurer: Pam Ewing

Secretary: Madeleine Cox

Committee members: Clare Jury, Barry King-Smith

The election of the trustees was formally proposed by Gill Polgreen and seconded by Hilary Munro. All voted in favour by a show of hands.

Any Other Business

Madeleine Cox thanked the Chairman for vigilance in and around the woods dealing with the aftermath of visitors either using disposable barbecues or dragging wood out of the woods and building fires on the shoreline.

Doug Outram spoke of four areas of concern to him:

- Notices asking visitors not to light fires or barbecues to the West of the bridge were too draconian
- A schedule of FONBW volunteers to litter-pick, rather than only one or two doing it
- The website was down and unobtainable
- What does “environmental and safety aspects” mean in relation to the English Coastal Path

In reply, the Chairman noted Doug’s concerns and confirmed he would take these points back to Committee, and a reply would be made directly to Doug. Mike Thomas suggested visitors should bring gas-fired BBQs

Martin Gebbett supported Doug Outram’s comments about the Notices.

Barry King-Smith said FONBW was implementing what Havant Borough Council required with regard to where barbecues could be lit and therefore to speak to HBC if concerned.

The Chairman closed the AGM at 11.30