

Surrey Tree Warden Network

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 24th June 2017 at Ewhurst Village Hall, The Street, Ewhurst,
Surrey GU6 7PX

Attendance

See list.

Election of Chairman

Don Henderson , Acting Treasurer was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Mike Lidstone, Tony & Nina McCaffry, Lawrence Hole, Svitri Kegge, Peter Fischer, Jane Plant, Mr. & Mrs Ford and Mrs Gillian Jonusas.

It was the unanimous wish of all present, that the meeting's good wishes be sent to Lawrence Hole, who is in hospital suffering from a stroke.

Resolved – The Secretary to write to Lawrence Hole, passing on the meeting's good wishes.

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 2th June 2016

The minutes had been circulated and were unanimously approved, with no matters arising.

Secretary's Report

Welcome to our thirteenth AGM, which is necessary in order to maintain our charity status. However with your help this will be gone through with the minimum of delay.

My thanks to Sue for arranging this excellent venue for our meeting. So I am sure you will join with me in giving her a well-deserved round of applause.

The Tree Council has continued to be very supportive of our activities particularly in the person of Jon Stokes who regularly attends our committee meetings, whose input is much appreciated.

My thanks to Don Henderson for his help in preparing the documents for this AGM. Also, to Dave Pope for providing today's refreshments.

The sale of the group's booklet "Remarkable Trees of Surrey", is going well, so much so that a reprint was ordered. Most of the work of distributing and tacking the books has fallen on Liz Ramsay – so a round of applause for Liz. And for producing and distributing the Newsletter. If you haven't yet purchased the book or know of outlets that will sell the book, stock up with supplies before you go!

I am pleased to report that since the last AGM, we now have a new Group within the Surrey Network located at Ashted, led by Chairman of the Group, Roy Guy.

The transfer of the STNW website has now been successfully transferred, resulting in much reduced maintenance costs. If any of you are familiar with website maintenance, please see me afterwards as the Group needs to have a backup to do this work.

The post of Chairman and Treasurer are still vacant, but as to date no nominations have been received or suitable candidates come forward. To this end, we are extremely grateful to our long-suffering acting treasurer for maintaining the accounts in the interim.

After the formal AGM proceedings have been completed we will break for lunch for one hour and during that time you can stock up on the "Remarkable Trees Booklet" also there are STWN badges, fridge magnets and key rings on sale to help boost our funds, so thanking you in anticipation of your help.

The Secretary's Report was unanimously approved

Financial Report

Don Henderson reviewed the STWN Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

Expenditure for the year exceeded income by £548, giving net cash at the year-end of £2,672, similar to last year, but Don explained that this masked a significant improvement in STWN's financial position. He noted that the expenditure included the cost (£658) of a reprint of the Remarkable Trees of Surrey booklet, for which the sales income would appear in the 2017 figures. Moreover, the cost of the original design and production of the booklet was just over £1,500 and so we should not be required to repay to Surrey County Council any part of the £1,500 grant which the council had kindly provided to us.

The acting Treasurer briefly reviewed each of the figures in the accounts. He emphasised the further significant saving achieved by the Secretary, Chris Pead, in our web site maintenance costs by taking this in-house.

December 2016. The accounts were available for viewing on the STWN web-site – link below.

http://www.surreytreewardens.org.uk/2016_Accounts_for_2017_AGM.pdf

RESOLVED THAT The Acting Treasurer's Report & Accounts for the 2015 financial year be approved.

Election of Honorary Officers

There had been no nominations received, and Don Henderson currently continues as Acting Treasurer, and Chris Pead was re-appointed as Secretary. The posts of Chairperson and Treasurer still remain vacant.

Election of Executive Committee Members

The following were re-appointed – Peter Fischer (Merton Representative), Michael Lidstone, David Woods, David F. Pope, Anne Richards, Liz Ramsay, Sue Henderson and Sally Pemberton.

Proposed – Peter herring

Seconded – Maggi Allen

RESOLVED THAT the reappointment Chris Pead (Secretary), Don Henderson (Acting Treasurer) and the reappointment of the above committee members be elected. There were no objections.