



Company Number 06460936 Charity Number 1123473

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT GOLDWATER LODGE

4TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 19:00

Present: The Current Board of Trustees

Paul Downes (Chair), Elizabeth Cuttle, Margo Scott, Caroline Hughes,
Andrew Halstead, Jeremy Bate and Ron Neale

Apologies for absence

Paul Robinson

In attendance:

Jeremy Dalton - Estates Manager - Rupert Millican - Senior Ranger
Janette Dalgliesh – Company Secretary

Number of members in attendance: 47

Minutes: Ron Neale

Ordinary Business

- 1) Minutes of the AGM held on 29th September 2021
Proposed by Judith Loeffler Seconded by Greg Devine
Unanimously approved as a true record.
- 2) Adoption of the examined accounts of the Society for the year ending 31st December 2021
Proposed by Greg Devine Seconded by Jeremy Bate
Passed unanimously.
- 3) Re-election by rotation of existing Trustees: Paul Downes, Andrew Halstead and Ron Neale
Proposed by Janie Palk Seconded by David Robbins
Passed unanimously
PD announced that Hannah Lane has been forced to step down due to ill health and paid tribute to her long term service as an active Trustee of the Society.
- 4) Appointment of **Alliotts LLP** as Auditors and Examiners
Proposed by David Robbins Seconded by Jeremy Bate
Passed unanimously

AOB

Sue Gaastra, a member for 20 years, took the floor and partially read out a prepared statement behalf of the Community Groups who occupy part of the space leased to the Lightbox at Heather Farm. The thrust of her statement was that HCPS was determined to drive out these groups, solely for financial gain by reletting the space at a higher rental.



PD rebutted the allegations made as inaccurate and misleading.

He then invited Jeremy Dalton to speak about his first year at the helm in his role as Estate Manager

Issues arising.

1. Wheatsheaf Common

1.1 **Mr Rob McGugan** asked **JD** to explain the nature of the works currently being undertaken. **JD** - a comprehensive flood attenuation scheme, combining new boardwalks and extensive tree planting - fully funded by Surrey County Council.

1.2. **Mrs Jean Burnham** Raised concerns about continued drug abuse and anti-social behaviour during the course of the works.

1.3 **Mike Parker** complained, inter alia, about lack of information on the nature of works, the wholesale removal of trees, destruction of habitat, further encouragement of anti-social behaviour, absence of effective control of the project.

JD replied that the scheme had been painstakingly conceived over many years in cooperation with SCC and consultants, Footprint Ecology and WS Atkins, WBC and HCPS. The contract has been delayed as result of a burst water main on the A320 which Thames Water elected to discharge into newly excavated areas and existing ditches. Unfortunately the pumps had run continually for a period of weeks to the regrettable annoyance of adjoining property owners.

MP ended by claiming that having lived in Horsell for 38 years, he knew more about the Common than **JD** who had only been in post for 1 year

The Chairman stated that such a comment was wholly inappropriate.

1.4 **Greg Devine**, with his local authority experience, confirmed that the control of anti-social behaviour on the Common was beyond the remit of HCPS

1.5 **Paula Eddington** commented that after years of monitoring anti-social behaviour in this area, it was apparent that control was difficult as users were adept at moving to alternative locations.

1.6 **Amanda Morrison** asked whether the provisional allocation of another warden to police Wheat-sheaf could be confirmed **JD** said that WBC was having funding difficulties to justify this item of expenditure, but he was still negotiating.

2 **Judith Loeffler**, a recently retired Trustee, offered a warm vote of thanks to Jeremy Dalton and Rupert Millican, Senior Ranger, for the manner and skill with which they had "filled the big boots" left by Paul Rimmer and Rachel Jones, former Estate Manager and Senior Ranger respectively.

3. Traffic Management

Tim Cobby, a new neighbour at Heather Farm asked whether the Society had any evidence of traffic incidents at the junction of the access road with The Chobham Road.

Greg Devine suggested looking at SCC and local Police websites which recorded statistics.

Meeting Closed at 19:35

Followed by tea and biscuits.