



Company Number 06460936 Charity Number 1123473

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT GOLDWATER LODGE

9TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 19:00

Present: The Current Board of Trustees

Paul Downes (Chair), Andrew Halstead, Caroline Hughes, Margo Scott, Colin Kemp, Paul Robinson, Sebastian Purbick, Charlotte Brackley

Apologies for absence

In attendance:

Jeremy Dalton - Estates Manager

Janette Dalglish – Company Secretary

Number of members in attendance: 35

Minutes: Janette Dalglish

Ordinary Business

- 1) Minutes of the AGM held on 4th October 2023
Proposed by David Robbins Seconded by Paul Robinson
Unanimously approved as a true record.
- 2) Adoption of the examined accounts of the Society for the year ending 31st December 2023
Proposed by Colin Kemp Seconded by Rae Robbins
Passed unanimously.
- 3) Re-election by rotation of existing Trustees: Paul Downes and Andrew Halstead
Proposed by Ann Harrington Seconded by Elizabeth Cuttle
Passed unanimously.
- 4) Election of Colin Kemp, Sebastian Purbrick and Charlotte Brackley as Trustees
Proposed by David Robbins Seconded by Margo Scott
Passed unanimously
- 5) Appointment of **Alliotts LLP** as Auditors and Examiners
Proposed by Jon Mullins Seconded by Paul Robinson
Passed unanimously.

Special Resolution

Paul Downes introduced an request for an amendment to the current articles to give clarification to charitable activities the Horsell Common Preservation Societies.



The wording change is

Current

- 4.1 *The ownership provision and preservation of Horsell Common and other commons and open spaces for*
 - 4.1.1 *informal open air recreation and enjoyment by the public at large*
 - 4.1.2 *the protection of the environment for future generations*
 - 4.1.3 *the protection and management of habitats for all flora and fauna living on such commons and open spaces; and*
- 4.2 *Such other charitable activities or charitable undertakings as may in the opinion of the Trustees promote and assist such objects.*

Proposed

- 4.1 The ownership provision and preservation of Horsell Common and other commons and open spaces for
 - 4.1.1 informal open air recreation and enjoyment by the public at large
 - 4.1.2 the protection of the environment for future generations
 - 4.1.3 the protection and management of habitats for all flora and fauna living on such commons and open spaces; and
 - 4.1.4 The advance of education and public benefit by using the Charity's Land for the advancement of environmental education for people of all ages and the development of programmes designed to promote mental and physical health and wellbeing for people of all ages and
- 4.2 Such other charitable activities or charitable undertakings as may in the opinion of the Trustees promote and assist such objects.

Background – 75% of the green space in Woking is owned by HPS and with this stewardship comes the responsibility to manage and utilise the land for the benefit of all community groups. HCPS currently works alongside Surrey Choices but wants to expand the partnerships.

Any amendments agreed by the members would need to be confirmed by The Charities Commission before any amendments to the articles can be filed with Companies House.

The special resolution for the amendment to the Articles was therefore

Discussion on the benefits and merits of a project for Rae's Field. Jack Smith of Surrey County Council outlined the opportunities to align land management with health and wellbeing of local residents.

Tim Cobley asked how the residents would be informed – this would be through the website and newsletters

Query raised on any structures, not yet been agreed but HCPs will provide a space for people who don't currently use the Common

proposed by James Sharpley

Seconded by Paul Eddington

Agreed in principle by a unanimous decision

Jeremy Dalton gave a brief resume of the last year on the Common. The reasons for the current woodland management is to provide corridors for wildlife to move around the Common and to allow for heathland regeneration.



All the current volunteers were thanked as their support is invaluable.

The current marquee at Heather Farm is to be removed and replaced by a more sustainable oak structure.

There will also be a new sewage treatment Klargester installed at Heather Farm to replace the reed bed which has become unfit for purpose.

The meeting was concluded by a talk on the heathlands in the area by Michael Jones the education officer for TBHP