

Friends Of Hob Moor

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Minutes of the sixteenth Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 7th October 2015 7.30pm West Thorpe Methodist Church, West Thorpe, York

Present at AGM: Committee: Imelda Havers (Chairperson), Richard Gray (Treasurer), Stephanie Luxton (Secretary), Madeline Evans, Ian Tomlinson, John Wood,

Members: Elizabeth Tomlinson, Nancy Lidgett, Peter Lidgett, Alan Purvis, Claudine Purvis, Emma Keef, Michael Thornton, John Dudley, Cllr. Ashley Mason, Richard Waller, Cllr. Stephen Fenton, Gwen Berwick, Pauline Walker, Liz Smith, Frank Weeden, Mary Weeden, Cllr. Keith Myers, One name that was not printed.

Guest Speaker: Ivana Jakubkova from St. Nicks Nature Reserve. (part meeting)

1. **Apologies:** Martyn Buckman, Val Buckman, Andrew Waller, Robin Cooper, Shirley Jones, Mark Tyszka, Dinah Tyszka, Pam Hanley, Sue Cawood, Peter Monether, Simon Palmer, Peter Green, Anne Green, Anne Gray.

2. **Minutes of last Annual General Meeting:** Were unanimously agreed as correct and signed by Imelda.

3. **Presentation of the Annual Report:** Chairperson Imelda briefly went through the Annual Report highlighting areas of particular importance. Thanks were expressed for the hard work by Peter Monether revamping the website and taking over the role from David McLoy. Much use has been made of Facebook and Twitter, which are very popular these days. Reference was made to the time given by people leading our events, where 30 adults and 3 children attended the Bat Walk a very good event lead by Claire Merrifield and the walks led by Elizabeth. Some events were not well attended and Imelda encouraged those present to inform the committee of any ideas they have to improve or change the type of events we offer. Jenny Cairns has been a good support to us as a representative of City of York Council with important liaison issues discussed during the year. Imelda stated that FOHM must assure City of York Council do their best in caring for Hob Moor and fulfil their guardianship. This was expressed to be done in a constructive critical way as our role is very important. It was urged that if any members can receive the Newsletter by email rather than by post that they please request this through the secretary. **Topical Issues:** the reinstatement is an ongoing issue that we are monitoring, the trees with temporary preservation orders on them and others at the Hob Stone development are also being closely watched.

4. **Presentation of the Accounts and the Determination of the Annual Subscription:** Richard Gray presented the annual accounts for discussion, stating that there had been more stock of the views cards printed, an Income Tax refund received, leaflet dispensers purchased, extra printing for the current Newsletter as it was delivered to the perimeter of the Moor to possibly generate more interest. Peter Monether greatly improved the website at a small cost for the infrastructure. David Ward had been ill recently and was unable to pass the accounts after completion but Richard Gray used the services of Alan Greenwood F.M.A.A.T. Richard Gray

presented the accounts for the record and Elizabeth Tomlinson proposed and John Wood seconded that they be passed as correct. **Determination of the annual subscription:** It was put to the AGM the subscription fee amount for memberships in the coming year to remain the same or change, approval to remain the same was passed, proposed by Elizabeth Tomlinson and seconded by Imelda Havers.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts: Approval for Alan Greenwood to do the Accounts was unanimously agreed and proposed by John Wood and seconded by Gwen Berry.

6. Election of Chairperson and Membership Secretary: Imelda stated that the committee was in need of new officers to fill a number of roles. How important these roles were to the continuation of the function and indeed the importance of Friends of Hob Moor in caring and overseeing the Moor alongside the support of City of York council. After a moments general silence Michael Thornton enquired regarding the secretaries role and then kindly decided to stand for election as secretary. This was proposed by Madeline Evans and seconded by Imelda Havers. The current Secretary (Stephanie Luxton) stood for nomination as Chairperson and was proposed by Imelda Havers and seconded by Richard Gray. Nominations for Membership Secretary were not forthcoming but email correspondence from Candi Colbourn expressed great interest in being on the Committee and it was decided that Stephanie (Chair) would arrange a meeting to establish the way forward and possibly engage Candi as Membership Secretary as she was not present at the AGM it was not possible to take a nomination from her or vote her on the committee but in the future can be co-opted onto Committee. It is not constitutionally necessary to have a Membership secretary but the need remains.

On the Committee of Friends of Hob Moor we have as Officers: Chair Stephanie Luxton, Treasurer Richard Gray, Secretary Michael Thornton.

7. Election of Members of the Management committee: Social Media and Website, we continue to have the very valued support of Peter Monether. Unfortunately in his absence it was overlooked to nominate him onto the Committee so he continues to be co-opted. Newsletter Editor. Madeline is stepping down from this role and indeed coming off the Committee as she has faithfully served her 8yrs constitutional maximum. Thanks were expressed to her by Imelda. A request was made for the role of Newsletter Editor and Emma Keef presented herself forward but not as a Committee member. We are very grateful to her taking on this very important role. Events Co-ordinator again is a very important role and we are very grateful to Elizabeth Tomlinson stepping forward to fill this role. Elizabeth requested not to be on the Committee. Proposed by Imelda Havers and seconded by Richard Gray.

On the Committee of Friends of Hob Moor we have as Serving Management: Ian Tomlinson, John Wood, Pam Hanley. Co-opted members of the Friends of Hob Moor Committee : Peter Monether, Candi Colbourn (in her absence at the AGM.) A total of 8. Involved in supporting Friends of Hob Moor but not on the Committee: Elizabeth Tomlinson (Events Co-ordinator), Emma Keef (Newsletter Editor).

8. Any Other Business: Madeline offered many thanks to Imelda for stepping in at the last minute as our Chairperson for the last year. There was no other business.

The AGM was declared closed at 8.05pm.