

SUDBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual general Meeting held on 10th April 2019

- 1.00 Welcome** The meeting opened at 10.05am. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 19th AGM of the Society.
- 2.00 Apologies** received from Rod Kilby, Mr and Mrs McKenna, Mr and Mrs Headley, Cathy Otten, Mr and Mrs Tyler, Ian and Jo Fitzlyon.
- 3.00 Minutes** The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were noted. The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were accepted unanimously. Liz Cole proposed, Kay Mason seconded, passed nem con.
- 4.00 Matters Arising** No matters arising.
- 5.00 Chairman's Report**

Last year at this time, we were anticipating an announcement about the long-awaited Sudbury Relief Road. We were made to believe that something was in the pipeline but it turned out to be yet another blockage. In his report last year, Barry stressed the importance of sticking to our stand of protecting the historic core of Sudbury and the Common Lands by keeping to the actual facts. We try to avoid getting involved in party politics but it is a sad fact that our letters and appeals to both Babergh and Suffolk CC are ignored. As Barry is standing down as Chairman of SHS this year, he intends to do battle as a private individual without involving the Society in party politics.

Barry said he had enjoyed being Chairman and was very grateful for all the support given to him. He hopes to remain as a committee member and give the occasional talk.

It was agreed that this year sees the beginning of the rotating Chairperson. The business of the Society being run as usual by the Committee who will elect the Chairman on a rotation basis. The Chairman's job is to chair the meetings and the Committee's job is to carry out what the meetings decide. Graeme Pulham has been recommended as Chairman. As a group, the Sudbury History Society are indeed fortunate in having a hard-working, loyal Committee supported by a strong body of supporters who set up the hall for us and see that everything goes smoothly for the members and speakers. We are nineteen years old on 14th June so we must be doing something right. Barry thanked Ann for all her hard work as Treasurer.

6.00 Treasurer's Report

Ann went through the Accounts. She thanked Gwen for doing such a good job with the refreshments at 30p a cup and still making a profit. The coach trips did not fare so well for various reasons. Ann noted the Scout Hut had been paid for 12 months instead of 11 and hopes to deduct the amount next year.

Joan Garner suggested raising the annual membership fee so there would be more funds available for future Speakers.

Ann thanked Janet Cruttenden for auditing the Accounts. She gave Barry special thanks for all his work.

Proposal to accept the accounts: proposed Stuart Hume, seconded Martin Barrett, passed nem con.

7.00 Website Report

Malcolm provided a handout explaining the new and old Sudbury History Society websites. More input is needed by members to keep the website up to date. Any material which is relevant to the Society should be added to the website.

Kate said it was difficult to find the new website but then demonstrated on a laptop how to use the link from the old SHS website to the new.

8.00 Ratification of the Committee

Committee Members standing again:

Barry Wall

Kate Bentley-Walls

Gwen Clephane

Cynthia Hume

Grania Nelson

Graeme Pulham

Maureen Pulham

Clare Mortimer

Ann Spiller

One new Committee member has been nominated: Valerie Simpson. Barry welcomed her nomination.

To ratify new committee: proposed Sue Savage, seconded John Beavan. Passed nem con.

9.00 Any Other Business

Barry concluded the meeting by saying how grateful he is for all the support given to the Society. He particularly thanked Annie, who is a founder member and helps Gwen with the coffee. The Coffee Team do a marvellous job. Barry gave special thanks to Kate for doing such an excellent job finding the speakers. Our next speaker will be Hugh Belsey. Barry is currently going through the lists for future possible coach trips. He suggested Greenwich and Brighton Pavillion.

The meeting closed at 10.44