

DRAFT MINUTES – for confirmation at the 2021 AGM
Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Hills Society
Tuesday, 9th February 2021 at 5.30pm on Zoom

1. **Welcome** – The Chairman, Gordon Jackson, welcomed members to the 12th Annual General Meeting and thanked them for their continuing support. The meeting was attended by approximately 37 members on Zoom from their homes. The past year had been challenging due to the Corona Virus. The first lockdown started during March 2020 so three events had to be cancelled.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – No apologies had been received
3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 12 October 2019**
Minutes were agreed by the meeting and would be signed by the Chairman as soon as practicable in view of the pandemic restrictions.
4. **Chairman's Report** –The Chairman presented his report which is set out the Annual Accounts and Annual Review of the Society. He then made the following comments
 - a) The Boundary Review will proceed and it is hoped completed within four years. If all parties can work together and agree changes will save having a Public Enquiry. It is the first AONB boundary review since the Glover Enquiry so a new approach is being developed by DEFRA and Natural ENgland. Natural England has agreed the funding for the Review
 - b) The Chairman thanked all members of all committees for all they had done.
 - c) With regards to the the Events Committee, chaired by Sall Baring, there had been nearly 30 events since September with an average of 20 in attendance.
 - c) Several events using Zoom had taken place and more were planned. Some were combined with the Arts and Crafts Movement in Surrey (ACMS). The Society is working closely with the ACMS on joint events.
 - d) The Newsletter committee is active with Ken Bare as Chairman. The committee have produced three e-newsletters and there will be a paper newsletter at the end of March or beginning of April.
 - e) Diane Cooper was thanked for her work on Social Media with Tilda Street. Our following on Instagram was over 1,200 and Twitter 430.
5. **Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020** – Copies of the accounts were available at the meeting and had been published on the website.
The Finance Director, Martin Cantor reported that the accounting period ended a week after the first lockdown so next year's accounts would reflect the changes.
He thanked David Montgomery of Moore Kingston Smith LLP who had been very supportive. He had agreed to audit the accounts again next year.
The Accounts were approved unanimously. Martin Cantor proposed and Gordon Jackson seconded.
6. **To confirm the appointment of the independent financial examiner for 2020/21** - The reappointment of David Montgomery of Moore Kingston Smith LLP was proposed by Martin Cantor and seconded by Gordon Jackson. It was approved unanimously.
7. **To set the annual membership subscription for 2020/21** – The Chairman proposed that the membership fee remained unchanged for the coming year. This was proposed by Stella Cantor and seconded by Martin Cantor. It was approved unanimously.
8. **To appoint and reappoint Trustees of the Society.** Profiles were available on the website.

- a) The Chairman reported that Mun-Ling Logue had resigned as a Trustee during the year. She was thanked for the work she had while a Trustee especially with regard to the Society's governance. Terry Driscoll had also resigned as a Trustee. Chris Howard (Vice President) said a few words of thanks to Terry who had been a member and Treasurer almost from the start of the Society and Trustee for much of that time.

Martin then took the Chair

- b) Martin said that Gordon Jackson had agreed to continue as Chairman and Trustee for another year. He was thanked for all his hard work. This was proposed by Martin Cantor and seconded by Sara Jane Chimbwandira. It was approved unanimously.

The Chair was then handed back to the Chairman

9. Any other business

Terry Driscoll thanked Chris Howard for her kind words and said that the Society is the top organisation of its type in the area as recorded by the award of the Queen's award for Voluntary Service during 2019. He emphasised the importance of having trustees, who played an active role in the Society and the Chairman confirmed that this was a priority for the Trustees, which they would be reviewing at their next meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.