

DRAFT MINUTES – for confirmation at the 2025 AGM
Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Hills Society
Saturday 9th November 2024 at 11.00am
at Leith Hill Place, near Coldharbour village, Dorking, Surrey

Welcome – The President, Chris Howard, welcomed members to the 15th Annual General Meeting and thanked them for their continuing support. The meeting was attended by approximately 40 members.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from 5 members .
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 21st October 2023**
The Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**
The Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements had been published in the accounts on the website.
The Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements were approved unanimously, This was proposed by Karen Clark and seconded by Catherine McCusker.
- 4. To confirm the appointment of the independent financial examiner for 2023/24** - The appointment of Nick Boot of Bullimores LLP was proposed by Gordon Jackson and seconded by Peter Salisbury. It was approved unanimously.
- 5. To set the annual membership subscription for 2024/25** – The Trustees recommended that the subscription remains the same as last year, £20 for single membership and £30 for family membership.

The subscription was approved unanimously. Gordon Jackson proposed and Sat Luthra seconded.
- 6. Appointment and Retirement of Trustees**
 - a) Trustees retiring by rotation. Martin Cantor was due to retire by rotation and offered himself for re-election.
 - b) The Trustees recommend the appointment of the following as new Trustees:
 - i) Sat Luthra
 - ii) Karen Clark
 - iii) Claire Harris.

The re-appointment of Martin Cantor and appointment of the new Trustees was approved unanimously. Gordon Jackson proposed and Ken Bare seconded.

7. Any other business

The Chairman mentioned that there was new clothing and caps for purchase on the website and that the Gift Pack now used reusable bags rather the paper envelopes.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

At the end of the meeting Gordon Jackson was thanked for all the hard work and support he gives to the Society and Surrey Hills National Landscape.

Following the meeting Catherine McCusker, who is a Society trustee and Visitor Operations and Experiences Manager for National Trust Surrey Hills East, gave a presentation about Ralph Vaughan Williams and Leith Hill Place.

Gordon Jackson thanked her and the National Trust for making Leith Hill Place available for the meeting.