



SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The 2018 Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 12th May at Nettlecombe Court

MINUTES

Members present: David Baker (Trustee), Sue Billinge, Anthony Bruce, Christopher Chanter, Mary Claridge, Robin Cloke, Betty Cloke, Marilyn Crothers, June Cummings, Martin Davidson (Trustee), David Dawson, Richard Eeles, Louisa Gillett (Office Manager), Peter Gooch, Joy Gooch, Sue Goodman, William Hancock, Fiona Holmes (Trustee), Robert Hutchings (Trustee), Chris Jessop (Chair), Julian Orbach (President), John Page, Steve Parker, Anthony Porter (Amherst and Shapland), Mary Siraut, Vanessa Williams-Ellis, Pat Wolseley (Vice-President), Karen Turvey, David Reid (Trustee), Tim Webb, Jeanne Webb, Lindon Wooster, David Rabson, David Roberts, Kate Pawsey, Simon Leach, Steven Pugsley (36).

The meeting started at 10.30

1. **Welcome by the Chairman of the meeting**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

David Bromwich, John Kinross, Ron Sims, Liz Caldwell, Bob Croft, Philip Radford, Mary Ewing, Graham Ward, Duncan Chalmers, Allen Cotton, John Matthews, David Victor, Andrew Sandon, Anne Crawford, Brian Murless, Gill Kelly, Jane de Gruchy, George and Sue Middleton, Alan & Carol Hudson, Brian Kirk, Bill Kelly, Chris Sidaway, John Crothers, Madelaine Roberts.

INDUCTIONS

3. **Induction of Julian Orbach as President of SANHS 2018 to 2019**

Anthony Bruce formally inducted Julian Orbach as SANHS President and gave details of his achievements. The meeting welcomed Julian as the new SANHS President.

Induction of Pat Wolseley

Stephen Parker formally inducted Pat Wolseley as Vice-President and thanked her for all her involvement with SANHS over the past year.

MINUTES

4. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 13th May 2017**

The Minutes were put to the AGM for approval. One correction was noted and amended. The Minutes were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

5. **Chairman's Report for 2017**

The Chair gave an expanded version of his report which had been previously circulated. He thanked trustees that are standing down in 2018 and all volunteers for their hard work for the Society.

5.1 Induction of Life Member

The Chairman acknowledged the years of dedication and hard work given by Betty Cloke as Office Manager and Membership Officer. In recognition of this Betty was given Life membership of SANHS.

6. **Annual Report and Accounts for 2017**

Mary Claridge spoke to the Annual Report on behalf of David Victor. The Annual Report and Annual Accounts were proposed for approval by Pat Wolseley, seconded by Mary Claridge and adopted by the meeting.

7. **Report of the Heritage Grants Committee 2017**

David Dawson reported on grant activity in 2017.

ELECTIONS

8. **Election of Chairman of SANHS**

Chris Jessop was elected as Chairman

Proposed by David Reid and seconded by Mary Claridge.

9. **Election of Trustees to the Board**

The following trustees were elected to the Board:

Chris Jessop
Robert Hutchings
David Reid
David Victor
Fiona Holmes

Proposed by Mary Claridge and seconded by Steve Parker.

10. **Appointment of Executive Officers for the period 2018/2019**

The following Executive Officers were elected:

Chairman: Chris Jessop
Honorary Treasure: David Victor
Vice-Chairman: Martin Davidson

Proposed by Betty Cloke and seconded by John Page.

11. **Election of committee members**

Committee members were elected *en bloque*.

12. **Confirmation of Appointment of Independent Financial Adviser**

Anthony Porter agreed to continue to serve the Society as Independent Financial Adviser for the coming year.

Proposed by David Baker and seconded by Anthony Bruce.

13. **Appointment of Honorary Librarian**

David Bromwich

Proposed by David Reid and seconded by Pat Wolseley

14. **Appointment of Deputy Honorary Librarian**

Sue Goodman

Proposed by Robert Hutchings and seconded by David Reid.

15. **Appointment of Honorary Editor of Proceedings**

Mary Siraut

Proposed by Simon Leach and seconded by Pat Wolseley.

REPORTS ON SUBJECT COMMITTEES, COLLECTIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

16. Subject Committee Reports

17. SANHS Museum Collection Report

18. SANHS Library Collection Report by South West Heritage Trust

19. Somerset Record Society Report

All reports taken as read.

AOB: None

The meeting closed at 11:40.

The Presidential address was given by Pat Wolseley on *Lichens in a changing landscape*.