



SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**The 2020 Annual General Meeting
Held on ZOOM on 10th October 2020 at 10:30**

MINUTES

Present: Chris Jessop (Chairman), David Victor (Trustee), Lizzie Induni (Trustee), Mary Ewing, Sue Isherwood Lane, David Dawson, Elizabeth & Jonathan Friend, Betty & Robin Cloke, Sue Goodman (Trustee), Karen Turvey, David Reid (Trustee), Simon Leach, Carol Dimmer, Martin Salzer, David & Madelaine Roberts, John Page

Nineteen members joined the meeting. It was not quorate.

1. Welcome by the Chairman of the meeting

Chris Jessop welcomed members to the meeting. After explaining the rules for the first Society electronic meeting held on ZOOM due to the Coronavirus pandemic, she noted two corrections in the papers. Firstly, the Early Dunster project is funded by Historic England, and not the National Heritage Lottery Fund as stated in the Annual Report. Secondly, the report from the Publications Committee states "*An online survey of attitudes to Proceedings showed that most respondents wanted to continue with paper publication*". Of roughly 30 respondents, 20 stated a preference for a printed journal, and 65 members out of 500 have purchased a printed volume.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Bromwich, Lady Elizabeth Gass, Bob Croft, Jim Hart, Natividad Jimenez.

3. Induction of President

Chris Jessop spoke of David Dawson's long-standing links to the Society. He was inducted as President for 2020 – 2021.

4. Induction of Vice-Presidents

Chris Jessop thanked Lady Elizabeth Gass & Julian Orbach for their work for SANHS and they were inducted as Vice-Presidents for 2020 – 2021.

5. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 11th May 2019

The minutes were adopted by the members as a true record of last year's meeting. The minutes will be signed at a future date by Chris Jessop.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chair gave an expanded version of her report which had been previously circulated, reminding members to send Martin Salzer their articles for the Spring newsletter before the end of February 2021.

7. Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2019

Both reports were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

Annual Report. Proposer: Chris Jessop. Seconder: Sue Goodman

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Both reports were adopted by the members and will be sent to the Charity Commission. The Charity Commission will be advised that the meeting was not quorate.

8. Report of the Heritage Grants Committee

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. Sue Goodman requested copies of the grant reports for inclusion in the e-bulletin. There were no questions.

9. Election of Trustees to the Board

Lizzie Induni and Mark Lidster were elected as trustees to the SANHS board. Their period of service will run from May 2020 until May 2024. Proposer: Chris Jessop.

David Baker's tenure ended at this meeting.

10. Election of Executive Officers

Chris Jessop was elected as Chairman of the Executive. Proposer: David Victor. The positions of Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chair are vacant.

11. Election of Committee members

Carol Dimmer was added to the list of members of the Library Committee.

Committee members were elected en block. Proposer: Chris Jessop.

12. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Anthony Porter of Amherst and Shapland was appointed as IFE.

13. Appointment of Honorary Librarian and Deputy Honorary Librarian

David Bromwich was appointed as Hon. Librarian, and Sue Goodman was appointed as Dep. Hon. Librarian.

14. Appointment of Proceedings Editor

Rob Webley was appointed as Proceedings Editor.

15. Appointment of Sue Isherwood to Wells & Mendip Museum Board

Sue Isherwood Lane was appointed as the SANHS representative to the Wells & Mendip Museum Board.

16. REPORTS ON SUBJECT COMMITTEES, COLLECTIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

17. AOB

David Dawson was appointed as a Holding Trustee to the Society.