



**SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**The 2022 Annual General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Held at Taunton Friends Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton, TA1 4EP**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Christopher Chanter (Chair), David Reid (Trustee), Christine Webster (Trustee), Lizzie Induni (Vice-Chair), Martin Salzer (Hon. Treasurer), Gerardine McHugh-Soliman (Trustee), David Hawkings, John Page, David Bromwich (Hon. Librarian), Michael Hicks, , David Dawson, Emma Turk, David Roberts, Madeleine Roberts, Betty Cloke, Robin Cloke, David Baker, Christine Jessop, Simon Leach, Pat Wolseley, Colin Spackman, Sue Goodman, Joy Gooch, Peter Gooch, Rob Webley (Editor of Proceedings), Nigel Pearce, Jill Strobridge, Trevor Rees, Vicky Dawson, Harriet Induni, Bruce Induni, Mary Siraut, Christopher Webster, Louisa Gillett (secretary)

33 members attended

**1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Chris Chanter welcomed members to the 2022 Annual General Meeting. He explained that he has served six years as a trustee and following the rules laid out in the constitution, is required to step down for a year. In the absence of any offers to take on the role of Chair, he has volunteered to continue in the role for one more year. The board has welcomed his offer.

Trustee, Lizzie Induni, took the Chair.

*1.1. Item 8.3 Proposal to temporarily suspend clause 9 of the SANHS constitution.*

Lizzie Induni spoke to paper 9, which had previously been circulated to members, and asked members to vote on the proposal. Members voted unanimously to adopt the proposal. CC was re-appointed as a trustee and took the Chair. He thanked Lizzie Induni and the members for their support.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Jennifer Fox, Jim Hart, Natividad Jimenez, Mary Ewing, Karen Turvey, Marilyn Crothers, Bryony Coles, Adrian Webb, John Bryant, William Hancock, John Townson, Carol Dimmer, Denny Robbins, Mike Robbins, Francis Farr-Cox.

**3. INDUCTIONS**

*3.1. Induction of Nigel Pearce as President for the year 2022/2023*

Nigel Pearce was inducted as President for 2022/2023

*3.2. Induction of David Dawson and Julian Orbach as Vice-Presidents for the year 2022/2023*

David Dawson and Julian Orbach were inducted as Vice-Presidents for 2022/2023.

**4. MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th September 2021**

Members unanimously adopted the meeting minutes as an accurate record of last year's AGM. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

## 5. TRUSTEE REPORTS 2021

### 5.1. *Chairman's Report 2021*

The Chair spoke to his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He thanked Gerri McHugh-Soliman and Christine Webster for their efforts at re-couping unpaid 2021 subscriptions, Lizzie and Harriet Induni for establishing a successful and profitable webinar programme, and Martin Salzer for volunteering to take on the role of Treasurer. He thanked all members for maintaining their loyalty to SANHS; and enthused on the future of the society post-pandemic. Members were reminded that help with the web site is needed urgently and encouraged anyone with technical know-how to come forward.

### 5.2. *Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2021*

The Annual Report and Annual Accounts for 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions. CC proposed both reports, which were adopted unanimously by the members. Martin Salzer gave a presentation on the society's funds and finances.

Action: LG to submit the Annual Return to the Charity Commission.

### 5.3. *Report of the Heritage Grants Committee 2021*

David Dawson expanded on his report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and encouraged members to keep applying for grants.

## 6. ELECTIONS FOR 2022/2023

### 6.1. *Election of Trustees to the Board*

There are no new trustees for election.

### 6.2. *Election of Executive Officers*

The three Executive Officers were elected unanimously as Chris Chanter, Chairman, Lizzie Induni, Vice Chair, and Martin Salzer, Hon. Treasurer. The position of Hon. Secretary is vacant.

### 6.3. *Election of Committee members*

Committee members were elected *en bloc*. Chris Chanter thanked all those who serve on committees.

### 6.4. *Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner*

Anthony Porter of Amherst and Shapland was appointed as the Independent Financial Examiner.

### 6.5. *Appointment of Honorary Librarian and Deputy Honorary Librarian*

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

### 6.6. *Appointment of Proceedings Editor*

Rob Webley was appointed as Proceedings Editor.

## 7. REPORTS 2021

### 7.1. *Subject Committee Reports for 2021*

### 7.2. *SANHS Museum Collections Report 2021*

### 7.3. *SANHS Library and Archives Collections Report 2021*

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions. The Somerset Record Society did not submit a report.

## 8. PROPOSALS

### 8.1. *To increase the membership fee*

The proposal by the Board of Trustees to increase the subscription fee was circulated prior to the meeting. There were several questions.

#### a. When will the increase be implemented?

The new subscription fees will be implemented in either January 2023 or 2024. It will not be implemented until the society's membership database has been integrated with the website and Mailchimp.

#### b. Will the increased subscription include a printed copy of the society's journal?

Yes, although there will be an option to opt out for those who prefer to access the journal digitally.

- c. Will the society offer corporate/business membership, for example to heritage consultants?
- d. The issue of charging members and non-members the same fee for events was discussed, and the trustees were asked to re-examine a two-tier charging system.

Action: the trustees will look into both these matters.

The proposal to increase the membership subscription was adopted unanimously.

#### *8.2. To convert the society to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)*

The proposal by the Board of Trustees to convert the society to a CIO was circulated prior to the meeting. CC reiterated the benefits of changing the society's status from unincorporated association to CIO. The process is straightforward, to create a new charity, transfer the assets from the old to the new charity, and close the old charity. Transferring the assets to the new charity is likely to be the most costly and complicated part of the process.

The proposal to set a new CIO was adopted unanimously.

#### *8.3. To temporarily suspend clause 9 of the SANHS constitution*

Dealt with at the start of the meeting under item 1.1.

The meeting ended at 11:50