

# WARSASH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY 2018

**Present:**

There were 61 members present including the committee.

**Apologies:** None

**Welcome and Opening Remarks:**

The Chairman, Jill Milton, welcomed all present to the meeting. She also welcomed our Speaker, Mark Hinsley, who would follow the formal part of the evening with a talk on 'The Churchyard Yew'.

**Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017)**

Copies were available to members attending and there were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report:** A copy of the report is on file. Jill spoke of the Society's continuing success with an average attendance of 61 at the monthly meetings. New Health and Safety rules introduced by the Victory Hall Management Committee limit attendance to 70. It may be necessary to implement a plan to issue tickets on a first come basis when a Speaker attracts more than the maximum number allowed in the room. Jill will keep members advised on this matter. She thanked Rona Neilson and Jill Cuff for an excellent programme of Speakers for 2017. The Plant Sale in May raised £466, which is considerably less than raised in the previous year, so there is a need for everyone to work harder this year. We enjoyed some very enjoyable outings and social events. In November, together with the Western Wards Allotment Association, we hosted BBC's Gardener's Question Time at the Victory Hall, a much enjoyed experience which raised £500 for the Victory Hall Restoration Fund. Jill asked for members' support in attending and exhibiting at the Village Show which is taking place in September this year. She thanked the committee for their support over the past year.

**Treasurer's Report:** This was prepared and read to members by Pam Whitfield and a copy of the report is on file. Audited accounts for 2017 were available to those attending. Membership for 2017 was 117 paid members, 2 honorary members and 17 visitors. The Plant Sale raised £466.50 after expenses and the monthly raffle takings were £375.65, both a decrease on last year. Our outings and social events were self funding. Expenses for our monthly meetings and running costs increased in most areas. As the income and expenditure balance sheet showed a small profit at the end of the year Pam can recommend that the annual subscription remain at £12.

**Election of Officers for 2018:**

Re-appointment of President and Vice President: Both Trevor Clarke and Dorothy Turner were willing to continue in post and as there were no other nominations the motion was carried.

Trevor Clarke then proposed Jill Milton as Chairman and this was carried unanimously.

Jill Milton then proceeded with the re-election of Rona Neilson as Vice Chairman, Pam Whitfield as Treasurer, and Suzanne Holleyoak as Secretary. As there were no other nominations, all were carried.

**Election of Committee:**

Jill Cuff, Glenda Edmondson, Roz Garrett and Moira Lloyd were willing to continue in post and together with our new committee member, Vanessa Eden, they were duly appointed.

**Re-appointment of Auditor:** Nick St. John was re-appointed as Auditor for 2018 and was thanked by Pam for auditing the accounts for 2017

**Presentation of Inskip Jug and Voucher to Flower of the Month Competition Winner:**

The 2017 winner of this award and garden voucher was Rona Neilson with 17 points. Alison Edmondson and Moira Lloyd were runners up with 15 points and Felicity Cory and Dorothy Turner came third with 13 points. The presentation was made by Trevor Clarke.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.50p.m

**Date of next Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

Signed.....Chairman

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