

## Sherborne Literary Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held at the Raleigh Hall, Sherborne  
on Thursday 25th January 2022 at 7.15 pm

### Agenda

**PRESENT:** Full Committee, John Gaye in the Chair and 38 members as recorded on the door representing a quorum.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Peter Villiers, Patrick Stewart, Maggie Bather and Brian Freeland

#### 2. Chairman's report

The Chairman (John Gaye) welcomed everyone to the AGM and was particularly pleased to welcome Judith Spelman, one of the founders of the Society. He introduced the new Events Director, Helen Brown, to members before reminding them of the details of the programme for the last year which had recommenced in the late Summer after a long pause due to the pandemic and at which he felt the attendance had been disappointing but understandable in the circumstances. He confirmed that this was his last AGM as Chairman before introducing his successor Mark Pender.

#### 3. Hon Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts to 31 March 2021

The Accounts as circulated were approved (proposed by Alistair Dennis and seconded by Kate Wightman). The year to 31.3.21 had been a "fallow year" with no events held due to the pandemic and therefore no request had been made to members for a membership fee although the Treasurer thanked those members who had decided to make payment notwithstanding. The Receipts and Payments Accounts to be filed with The Charity Commission showed a balance of £7559. Allowing for amounts due and receivable at the year-end this amounted to £7295, an increase of £317 in the year.

Graham Hunn was thanked for carrying out the independent examination of the Accounts.

#### 4. Approval of revised constitution.

The revised constitution as circulated was approved. Proposed by Richard Hopton and seconded by Gill Oliver.

#### 5. Election of Trustees\*

All trustees (below) were duly appointed. Proposed by Gilly Gibbons and seconded by William Christopher.

\*Election of Trustees. The Society being a Charity (no 1168489) the elected members of the Committee automatically become Trustees of the Charity.

Mark Pender - Chairman and Treasurer  
Bob Bowmer - Membership Secretary  
John Gaye  
Mark Greenstock  
Penelope Hester  
Richard Hopton - Book Reviews Coordinator  
Wayne Winstone - Publishing Liaison

and, in addition

Helen Brown was confirmed as Events Director (not a trustee)

Mark Pender then took the Chair and thanked John Gaye for his huge contribution to the Society as Chairman.

## **6. Any Other Business**

(i) The membership renewal was discussed and it was confirmed that as a result of the membership year now being co-terminous with the financial year (as in the updated Constitution), members with standing orders should amend those to pay by 1st April annually.

(ii) The Chairman asked for more help from members at events and other activities as a result of which a number of offers were forthcoming.

There being no further business, the Meeting was declared closed.