



THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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ESTABLISHED 1977

Company No. 7112241, Registered Charity No.1135262
Address 10-13 Preston Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8NS

President: Richard Oldfield

Trustees: Harold Goodwin (Chair), Jonathan Carey, Ted Davis, Clive Foreman, Michael Frohnsdorff, Brian Kelsey, David Melville, Pat Reid, Anne Salmon, Brian Wintle-Smith, Tim Stonor, Graham Warner, Janice West, Heather Wootton and Christopher Wright

Honorary Members: Jacqueline Hitchcock, Jenny Parry and Margaret Slythe - Vice-Presidents

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting: 15th May 2018

Agenda Item	Minutes
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Derek Carver• Brenda Carver• Dr. Whyman• Duncan Harrington• Susan White• Janet Lee• Christine Smith• Ann Wilkinson• Nick Wilkinson• Jonathan Carey• Jean Foreman• Jules Cowgill• Patsy Rogers• Pat Ross• Sue Davidson• Ann Dixon• Robert Dixon• Helen Percival• Tim Stonor• Mike Frohnsdorff
Minutes of the 2017 AGM and matters arising	No matters arising from 2017 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sue Akhurst proposed• Penelope Geoghegan seconded The minutes were approved

<p>Chair's Review and receipt of the Annual Report</p>	<p>The objects of the Society are to educate, inform and encourage interest in Faversham's history, culture and town.</p> <p>The Chair recognised the many groups within the Society that support these objects including Open Garden and Open House, the walks programme, the new excursion programme, FSARG, the Museum, Gallery, Visitor Information Centre, the bookshop, and the publications produced.</p> <p>The Chair also recognised the work of the Environment and Planning Committees, and the value of members' meetings. The Chair recognised and expressed gratitude to the Society's dedicated volunteers. The Chair also discussed the need for new volunteers.</p> <p>The Chair also raised the challenge of maintaining the Society's buildings.</p> <p>The Chair discussed the need for the Society to engage younger generations so that they take on the conservation of the heritage and culture of the town.</p> <p>Immediate issues the Society is addressing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The solar park application • The next Swale Borough development plan • The Duchy of Cornwall consultations • The Swing Bridge delivery <p>The Chair also indicated plans for modernising the Society's communication strategy. The Chair announced plans to move to a quarterly journal available to members and monthly newsletter available publicly in Faversham. A new website needs to be developed for the Society.</p> <p>The AGM agreed that the Annual Report was received.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of the Annual Accounts 	<p>The Chair of the Finance Committee gave thanks to Treasurer, Brian Kelsey, and Secretary, Jan West, for their work.</p> <p>The Society has 932 members at present, and the Chair of the Finance Committee welcomed the President's challenge to move that number to 1000.</p> <p>The Chair of the Finance Committee expressed that the Society's finances are in good shape: income has exceeded costs and we have met our reserves targets. A significant sum has been transferred to a designated premises fund.</p> <p>The annual report contains the management accounts. A full set of statutory accounts is available to members should they wish to see them.</p> <p>The surplus this year is a little over £20,000 and follows a surplus last year. The credit is due to the dedication of members</p>

	<p>and volunteers for raising funds, and to the Board for responsible spending of income raised.</p> <p>The risk review in the Trustees review identifies future substantial cost of building repair and maintenance. £75,000 has been allocated from unrestricted funds to a designated fund specifically for meeting this cost. The Chair of the Finance Committee stated that the buildings are maintained to a high standard then the Society will be setting an example for the rest of the town in relation to listed buildings.</p> <p>Q: Where are the 'rents received' from? A: This income is from the lease of the Hall, the car park and a flat above the shop premises</p> <p>The AGM agreed that the accounts were received</p>
Appointment of an Independent Examiner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne Wintle-Smith proposed the reappointment of MacIntyre Huson as Independent Examiner • Seconded: Nigel Mannouch <p>MacIntyre Hudson were duly appointed</p>
Mike Cosgrove Presentation	<p>Mike Cosgrove spoke in tribute to Colin Sharpe.</p> <p>Colin Sharpe worked at the East Kent Packers specialising in fruit. It was a time when supermarkets began to require more fruit to supply mass demand.</p> <p>Colin Sharpe bought Ardens Cottage in Abbey Street. He was resident in the property and joined the Faversham Society. He felt Faversham was his adopted town. He later moved to the Customs House in Court Street. He is an example of how the Society's goals are reliant on individuals who will love and care for our listed properties.</p> <p>Mike Cosgrove presented the Society's President with a sketch of Ardens Cottage.</p>
Presidents Address	<p>The President reflected that the Society should be proud of all it has achieved and all it is achieving now.</p> <p>The President thanked trustees, officers and volunteers, and recognised their passion and energy for Faversham.</p>
Election of Trustees	<p>The President raised whether ballot papers should be distributed at future AGMs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Frohnsdorff: Elected • David Melville: Elected • Heather Wootton: Elected • Christopher Wright: Elected
Election of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Harold Goodwin: Elected • Vice-Chair: Brian Wintle-Smith: Elected • Hon Sec: No nominations: Post unfilled

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon Treasurer: Brian Kelsey: Elected
Any other business	None
Date of next meeting	This will be circulated in the newsletter

AGM Attendance List

1	Sue Akhurst
2	Kevin Barrett
3	Katie Begg
4	Roger Bennett
5	Helen Bone
6	John Breeze
7	Sheila Breeze
8	Nick Brian
9	Edward Davis
10	Cindy Davis
11	Jean Duchin
12	Julian Ellis
13	Eileen Ellis
14	Roger Ely
15	Janice Ely
16	Gulliver Immink
17	Brian Kelsey
18	Deborah Lawther
19	Alistair Mackay-Miller
20	Simon MacLachlan
21	Julie MacLachlan
22	Nigel Mannouch
23	Claire Martin
24	Laurie MacMahon
25	David Melville
26	P Flower
27	Jillian Fordham
28	Clive Foreman
29	Michael Sidney Gates
30	Penelope Geoghegan
31	Harold Goodwin
32	Anthony Gostling
33	Carole Gostling
34	Derek Gransden
35	Moyra Harding

36	Sheil Campbell
37	Felicity Harding
38	Mike Cosgrove
39	George Couchman
40	Frances Couchman
41	John Coulter
42	Janice West
43	Brian Wintle Smith
44	Joanne Wintle Smith
45	James Witham
46	Anna Witham
47	Chris Wooton
48	Heather Wooton
49	Chris Wright
50	Rod Morely
51	Richard Oldfield
52	Amicia Oldfield
53	David Palmer
54	Linda Parker
55	Christopher Parker
56	Richard Parris-Piper
57	Dot Percival
58	Jim Reid
59	Pat Reid
60	John Robertson
61	Ann Saddleton
62	Elizabeth Salmon
63	Jenny Shipman
64	Margaret Slythe
65	Mark Stefanicki
66	Tim Stevens
67	Janet Turner
68	Alan Turner
69	Roger Turner
70	Gabrielle Turner
71	Graham Warner
72	Colin Kirk
73	Judith Walker
74	Carolyn Smith