



THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE

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, Tim Stonor, Graham Warner, Janice West, Brian Wintle-Smith, Heather Wootton and Christopher Wright

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

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting: 10th June 2019

Agenda Item	Minutes
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike Frohnsdorff• Brian Kelsey• Ann and Nick Wilkinson• Janice and Roger Ely• Ann and Robert Dixon• Charles Taylor• Helen Percival• Clive and Jean Foreman• Penelope Geoghegan• Fern Alder
Minutes of the 2018 AGM and matters arising	<p>No matters arising from 2018 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes were proposed and seconded by attending members• The minutes were approved by the AGM
Chair's Review and receipt of the Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harold Goodwin (HG), Chair of the Society, explained that Faversham is entering a period of significant change, with rapid expansion of the town.• The job of the society is to shape and manage that change in a way that helps to conserve and preserve our heritage and culture.• HG explained that the future of the A2 is a significant issue. HG suggested the A2 should be known as Watling Street to respect its heritage.• There are significant planning issues at the moment including traffic management and Cleve Hill Solar Power Station

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have over 900 members contributing and something close to 240 volunteers. This gives a sense of scale of the activity of the society • The Maison Dieu has become an independent organisation. All members of the Maison Dieu are as welcome to be part of the Society as ever before • The Arthur Percival Memorial Fund work continues. His images are being digitised. Margaret Harding has now completed 62 of the 200 ring binders of his records. Margaret is not only categorising but creating sub appendices of topics. • The AGM agreed that the Annual Report was received.
Receipt of the Annual Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alistair Mackay Miller presented the annual accounts. • The Annual Report contains full accounts for the Society and and they have been independently examined. • Income in the year was above budget, and expenditure below budget. This left an above-budget cash surplus of £25,000 and a trading surplus of £14,000. • There is a Designated Premises Fund in our unrestricted funds account which holds a balance of £98,000. The Society's reserves policy is 6 months of normal expenditure. We are therefore in line with budgets and policies. • The Designated Premises Fund will be used for a rolling maintenance plan. It will also be used for urgent maintenance work necessary, including repair of the roof and other repairs while scaffolding is erected. This will require a £40,000 to £50,000 investment. The fund will, therefore, need to be rebuilt in future after this depletion from future surplus. • The overall financial situation is strong. We, therefore, have funds to be used cautiously and wisely by the Society to support its aims. • The surplus has been achieved by a commitment to a balance to surplus budget. Brian Kelsey and Jan West work hard all year to track income and expenditure and our thanks are given to them. They report finance to the Board who oversee the financial situation. • Sincere thanks were also given to members and volunteers, who generating income for the Society. This year the Fleur VIC, Bookshop, Open Houses and Open Gardens have made large contributions. All income is dependent on the hard work of volunteers and the Society should feel proud of its achievements. The Society is grateful to the contribution of volunteers and members. • The AGM agreed that the accounts were received
Appointment of an Independent Examiner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCabe Ford Williams are proposed the as Independent Examiner on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Board. • McCabe Ford Williams were duly appointed
Election of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Frohnsdorff is retiring as Trustee of the Society. The President gave tribute to him and expressed the Society's great gratitude for his service. He has contributed an enormous amount. The Chair proposed Mike Frohnsdorff

	<p>be appointed a Vice President of the Society. The AGM approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair thanked retiring Trustee Ted Davis for his service to the Board and the Society and gave best wishes to him. • The Chair also thanked retiring Trustee Clive Foreman for his service to the Board and Society and wished him well in his move to Worcester <p>Board Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Salmon: Elected • Tim Stonor: Elected • Andrew Holden: Elected • Graham Warner: Elected • Brian Kelsey: Elected • Sophie Kemsley: Elected • Janice West: Elected • Laurie McMahon: Elected • Katie Begg: Elected
Election of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Harold Goodwin: Elected • Vice-Chair: David Melville: Elected
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marion Ripley presented the Society with a tactile book for the Museum which is especially appropriate and engaging for blind people and children. It is also a fun informative book for any museum visitor. The book has been sewn by the Sociable Sewing Group • Claire Mason asked whether the Society might have plans in the future to improve facilities for sight and hearing-impaired visitors. The Chair replied that this will be raised at the Board and the appetite is there if we can find volunteers to develop this.
Presidents Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Oldfield, President of the Society, thanked the trustees, chairman, vice chairmen and the volunteers for all of their hard work to continue the great tradition of the Faversham Society. • None of the Society's work would be possible without the volunteers and it is a remarkable thing. We have strong member numbers too and we should still aim to reach the 1000 members mark in 2020. • The AGM joined in thanking the officers and volunteers.
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dot Percival asked for her thanks to Margaret Harding to be recorded in the minutes as she is doing such a wonderful job in her cataloguing of the Arthur Percival Memorial archive.
Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be circulated in the newsletter.

AGM Attendance List

Sue	Akhurst	Ian	Newman
Norma	Beechey	Maria	Newman
Katie	Begg	Antje	Nicholls

(Helen) Jane	Bone	Martin	Nicholls
Killara	Burn	Amicia	Oldfield
Jonathan	Carey	Richard	Oldfield
Andrew	Clarke	Linda	Parker
Wendy	Clarke	Christopher	Parker
Sue	Davidson	Richard	Parris-Piper
Jackie	Davidson	Trevor	Payne
Edward	Davis	Dot	Percival
Cindy	Davis	Jim	Reid
Jean	Duchin	Pat	Reid
Jillian	Fordham	Marion	Ripley
Harold	Goodwin	Keith Richard	Robinson
Ray	Harrison	Anne	Salmon
Pamela	Harrison	Nigel	Semmens
Matthew	Hatchwell	Christine	Smith
Michael	Henderson	Mark	Stefanicki
Andrew	Holden	Tim	Stonor
Gulliver	Immink	Graham	Warner
Linda	Ireland	Janice	West
Teresa Anne	Kemsley	Tim	Whishaw
Sophie	Kemsley	Joanne	Wintle-Smith
Alistair	Mackay Miller	Chris	Wootton
Claire	Mason	Heather	Wootton
Laurie	McMahon	Chris	Wright
David	Melville		
Rod	Morley		