



The Farnham Society

MINUTES OF THE 75TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held on Friday 25th November 2022 at Farnham Memorial Hall

PRESENT

Executive Committee

Alan Gavaghan - Chairman
Michael Blower MBE - Vice-President
John Cattell - Treasurer
Richard Hunt CBE
Simon Bradbury
Yolande Hesse

Members

Mrs Mary Cooper (M)	Mr Alan Earwaker
Mrs Sancho Vinall (M)	Mr Juan Montes (M)
Mr Clive Vinall (M)	Mr Brian White (M)
Mr Robert Mansfield (M)	Mrs Sharyn Nash (M)
Mrs Margo Hunt (M)	Mrs Tempe Mansfield (M)
Mr David Wyld (M)	Mr John Townsend (M)
Mr Roy Waite (M)	Mr Colin Jordan (M)
Mrs Christine Jordan (M)	Mr David Parry (wishing to join)
Mr George Hesse (M)	Mrs Maureen Walker
Mrs Susan Farrow (M)	Mrs Ella Cattell (M)
Mrs Rowena Igme	Mr Richard Walker
Mrs Maureen Swage (M)	Mrs Lindsay Miller (M)
Mr Andrew Jones (M)	Mr Andy MacLeod (M)
Mrs Sarah Burt (M)	Mr John Slater (M)
Mrs Rosemary Falkner (M)	Mrs Catherine Soden (M)
Mrs Liande Chancellor	Mr Paul Whitlock (M)
Mrs Jeanna Nicol (M)	Mr Michael Blower (M)
Mr Nicol (M)	Mrs Marianne Golding
Mr Sam Osmond (M)	Mr Zach Wyse (M)
Mr John Neil (N)	Mr Chris Cleland (M)
Mrs Caroline Mossie	Mrs Heather Fox (M)
Mr Hans DuMoulin (M)	Mrs Sigi Wendland-Jones
Mrs Compton-Rice	Mrs Gloria Dyche (M)
Mrs Sieglinde Ward (M)	Mr Robert Dyche (M)
Mrs Pam Taylor (M)	Mr Noel Morris (M)
Mrs Hilary Burroughs (M)	Mr Ian Burgess (M)
Mr Dennis Banks (M)	Mr Stephen Bois (M)
Mrs Mary Oppenheimer	Mrs Francesca Boyce (M)
Mr Ian Wallace (M)	

62 in attendance - Red indicates non-member not on database.

The 75th Farnham Society Annual General Meeting

Apologies for absence

Apologies were given by Meg & Brian Daniels, Jenny Bray, Michael Campbell and Helen Payne.

The Chairman welcomed Members to the Society's 75th Annual General Meeting and gave a particular welcome to the guest speaker, Roy Waight. He presented a detailed introduction to the guest speaker before handing over to Roy Waight who then gave an animated and fascinating talk on:

"STORIES BEHIND THE STONES"

"ROY WAIGHT"

Roy also answered questions from the audience. The Chairman then thanks Roy Waight for the talk. The Chairman welcomed the Mayor and several Councillors to the meeting and thanks them for their attendance.

The Talk was then followed by the 75th Annual General Meeting, minutes as follows:

1. [Minutes of the 74th Virtual Annual General meeting 25 November 2021](#)

The minutes had been circulated and shown on the website; they were approved and signed. No matters arising.

2. [Chairman's report](#)

The Chairman's report had been published on the website Members' Area. The Chairman took time to acknowledge the sad passing of Sir Ray Tindle, President of The Farnham Society. He talked of Sir Ray's his deep love of Farnham and major contribution to many groups and societies within Farnham. He expressed his sympathy to Sir Ray's family.

He also recognised the Tice’s Meadow Bird Group and their major achievement of saving an area of natural beauty by the acquisition of the Tice’s Meadow. He also congratulated them on winning the prestigious NBN award for Wildlife Recording. Noting the financial contribution from The Farnham Society to this group.

There were no questions from the members.

3 (i) Adoption of final accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2022

The report and statement had been published on the website. No questions from members.

(ii) Confirmation of Inspector of Accounts

Roger Smith of Milne Eldridge agreed to continue as Inspector of Accounts for the current financial year

(iii) Membership Fee 2023

There will be no change to the Membership Fees for 2023

4. Committee reports

All Committee reports had been posted on the website. The Chairman welcome Yolande Hesse as the new Chair of the Planning Committee. Yolande presented an informative summary of her report.

Simon Bradbury presented his report on the 2021 Heritage Open Days and Media. A request for support on management of the Societies’ media functions.

Richard Hunt presented his report on events and the ‘In Conversation’ programme.

5. Election / re-election of Honorary Officers – Block Vote

	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
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Chairman	Alan Gavaghan	Michael Blower	Simon Bradbury
Treasurer	John Cattell	Alan Gavaghan	Richard Hunt

6. Re-election of Committee Members

Simon Bradbury

Richard Hunt

Block proposal: Proposer: Michael Blower Second: Alan Gavaghan

Election of new Committee Member

Yolande Hesse

Proposer: Alan Gavaghan Second: Simon Bradbury

Pam Taylor – Chair of Farnham and District Museum Society asked to say a few words. The society pledged £10,000 to the Museum for reparations of the Museum roof. Pam asked for the Farnham community to support the Farnham Museum.

7. Any Other Business

- Councillor David Beaman – representative of on the Farnham Infrastructure Board. Pleased to announce that on 16 December at 10.am in the Council Offices there will be a presentation on the results of the FIP process. He also advised the audience that there had been a significant contribution to the Museum from Farnham Town Council.
- Councillor George Hesse proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.
- The Chairman followed up on Simon Bradbury’s request for support from the Membership to carry out the work of The Farnham Society.

Alan Gavaghan, Chairman thanked all for their attendance. Meeting closed at 21.30.