

# The Hampton Society

The Residents' Association of Hampton, est. 1956

The AGM of the Hampton Society was held at 8.00 pm on Thursday, 19 April 2018 in St Mary's community hall. Church Street, Hampton, TW12.

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome

The Chair, William Redfern, welcomed members to the AGM and announced that after the AGM there would be a talk by John Sheaf entitled 'The History of Hampton in 25 objects.'

### 2. Apologies

Sorry – the records of apologies has gone missing and is not able to be shown.

### 3. The Minutes of the AGM held on 6 April 2017

There were no matters arising and Ron Weller proposed, and Suzette Nicholson seconded that the Minutes should be accepted.

### 4. Presentation and approval of the accounts for the period ending 28 February 2018

- a. The Treasurer, Brian Brignall, presented his report for the year ended 28 February 2018. He explained that because the previous year's figures were for a period of eleven months, not all of the variants would be comparable. Whilst the amount shown for subscriptions revealed a reduction in income, Trisha Shirt (Membership Secretary) had written personally to 150 members who had not yet paid their subscriptions and more than £350 had been received during the last few days. BB thanked the Membership Secretary for spending several hours of her time in contacting members and encouraged all members to pay by standing order. Donations remained constant and the Quiz Night surplus was slightly more than last year. The profit from the sale of Christmas cards was much less, as fewer cards had been sold, but the profit from the bar for the talks was much higher. Interest on the surplus funds continued to be minimal.
- b. Turning to expenditure, he explained that printing costs had increased for the Newsletters, the insurance premium remained constant, savings had been made for postage and stationery and the cost of the website remained constant. The fees for speakers and the cost of hiring halls had increased considerably, but the cost of the Summer Party was much less as it had been subsidised the previous year to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society. The cost of the hanging baskets had increased but, overall, the net surplus of income over expenditure was only just over £300 less than the previous period. This meant that the current assets of the Society were £10,614 compared with £10,385 last year.

- c. Bernd Steinlechner proposed and Gareth Roberts seconded the acceptance of the Accounts.
- d. Anselm Frost was happy to continue as Independent Examiner of the Accounts. Nick Waters proposed and Martin Seymour seconded his appointment.

## **5. The Chair's Report**

William Redfern read his Chair's report in which he thanked the members of the committee for their contributions during the year – Brian Brignall, the Treasurer, Rosemary Hill, Secretary and arranger with Alice Fordham of events, Maura Waters, Editor of the Newsletter, Trisha Shirt, Membership Secretary and organiser of the newsletter deliveries, Christine Paganelli who helped out at events and talks and Sylvia Bridge Le Cluse and Iacopo Sassi who with the assistance of Kevin Rice assessed and advised on action on planning applications with the aim of achieving the best outcome for the local environment and the residents. Sue Ramus was thanked for taking on the refreshments bar at Society events.

The Chair's report referred to the possibility of a large housing development over the borough boundary at Kempton Park. No formal planning application had yet been received but the Society was in regular contact with other local action groups and the developer's PR company. The Society would report back to members either through the newsletter or by email when there was any further news.

One of the main areas of activity in which William Redfern had been working was community networking. This involved discovering the activities of other residents' associations and how they responded to the Village Plan process. Locally, William had been working with Janet Fisher, a local trader and trustee of Linden Hall to help develop the Hampton Community Newsletter and contact database.

## **6. Election of Officers**

- a. The Officers who were up for election this year were the Chair, William Redfern, the Treasurer, Brian Brignall and six committee members, namely Trisha Shirt, Sylvia Bridge Le Cluse, Alice Fordham, Tricia Mole, Christine Paganelli and Maura Waters. The Proposer for the Chair was Helen Weller and the Secunder was Lionel Beer
- b. The Proposer for the Treasurer was Bernd Steinlechner and the Secunder was Kevin Rice.
- c. The Proposer for the six members of the committee was Ron Weller and the Secunder was Lionel Beer

## **7. Any other business**

- a. Lionel Beer asked about development work near Kempton Park on Thames Water ground.

## **8. The AGM concluded at approximately 9.00pm**