

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the RH7 History Group

Held at the Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre

on Monday September 9th 2019

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. 27 members attended.

1. Apologies for Absence: F Pool, A & G Orbell, K & A Stacey, R Russell, M & D Clayton, P Mulvey, T Stanford, D Jenner
2. Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising: There was a correction to the date of last year's AGM which was held on 10th September 2018. There were no other matters arising.
3. Chairman's Report: Bill Stevenson thanked the committee for their hard work over the past year. He congratulated Sue Macdonald for an excellent series of talks. He mentioned that sadly we have lost four of our oldest members during the past year; Michael Poffley, Janet Bateson, John Jones & Tim Pool. Michael & Janet were much loved and loyal members for most of RH7's history and will be sorely missed. During 2019 RH7 will be participating in various local events. Members were reminded that all our Factsheets are available in the Library and that relevant leaflets/events are advertised there also. We have received many donations to the archives during the year. Next year's exhibition is entitled 'Who do you think they were? subtitled 'Local lives remembered'.
4. Treasurer's Report & Approve the Accounts: The accounts were previously circulated. The Group currently has 108 members. Our funds remain healthy and no increase in subscriptions is proposed. The year end balance was £2,282.85. Mike Ellis gave notice of his intention to retire from the position of Treasurer at the end of the next financial year. He thanked Mark Clayton for Auditing the Accounts.

Adoption of the Accounts and Treasurer's Report was proposed by Ian Jones and seconded by Sue Quelch.

5. Election of Officers and Committee: I would like to reiterate the comments I made in my email circular last week. Both the RH7 History Group and the Hayward History centre are reliant on volunteers to carry out committee work, archiving duties, exhibitions etc. The work is not erroneous but without volunteers to undertake these duties the organisations would cease to exist. As you will be aware, over the last couple of years we have lost a number of the stalwarts that both organisations have relied on for many years. Therefore replacements are required. Bill Stevenson (Chairman) confirmed he was willing to stand as Chairman for a further year but under the Terms of the Constitution he will be stepping down at the end of September 2020. He was proposed by Richard Young & seconded by Margaret Ward. Mike Ellis (Treasurer) was proposed by Claire Bach and seconded by Grace Porter. Felicity Pool (Secretary) was proposed by Richard Young and

seconded by Marian Poffley. The other members of the Committee, Ian Jones, Alan Orbell, Sue Macdonald & Margaret Ward have agreed to continue and were proposed by Sue Quelch and seconded by Jackie Harrison. Rosie Schofield has reluctantly resigned due to her other commitments.

6. Mark Clayton was appointed Auditor; proposed by Bill Stevenson and seconded by Ian Jones
7. AOB: There was none.