



MINUTES OF THE 50th AGM

2:00 PM, 28th APRIL 2019 - GORING HEATH PARISH HALL, WHITCHURCH HILL

CHAIR Dave Carless

MINUTES Michael Vincent

27 members of SOAG were recorded as present

1) Welcome from the President

Hazel Williams introduced the meeting with reference to SOAG's 50 years of very active site fieldwork, with associated research and visits to other sites. SOAG was carrying on this tradition and in November would have its pre-Christmas meeting dedicated to celebrating the 50 years, highlighting and showcasing the past and what is coming in the future. There was much to look forward to and she would like to think that SOAG is in the middle of a 100 year period!

2) Opening remarks by the Chair of the Meeting

Dave Carless welcomed everyone to the meeting and endorsed Hazel's introduction to the 50th AGM.

3) Apologies for absence

These had been received from: Brian Williams, Catherine Clarke, Kaz Greenham, Mike & Maria Rosa Fulton, Chris Howlett, Bill Marks, Sue Sandford, Derek Birks.

4) Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM held on the 22nd April 2018

Proposed: Alan Hall

Seconded: Lindsey Bedford

Adopted without dissent

5) Matters arising from the minutes of the 2018 AGM

None

6) Adoption of Reports of Officers for 2018

6.1) Chairman's Report

Which the Chairman also amplified his thanks to all the project managers for their work and for compiling the components of the report.

Proposed: Andrew Allum

Seconded: Mike Green

Adopted without dissent

6.2) Treasurer's Report

The Chairman noted that the financial position was slightly better than in the previous year.

Proposed: Richard Miller Seconded: John Hefferan Adopted without dissent

7) **Adoption of the examined Accounts for 2018**

Proposed: John Hefferan Seconded: Alan Hall Adopted without dissent

8) **Appointment of Mrs Sue Fogden as Examiner for the 2019 Accounts**

Proposed: Dave Carless Seconded: Chris Michel Adopted without dissent

9) **Election of Officers and of Ordinary Committee Members for 2019-20**

No other proposals to stand for the committee had been received and the current officers and committee members were willing to stand again.

Proposed: Richard Miller Seconded: Chris Michel Adopted without dissent

10) **Any Other Business**

10.1 Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport consultation on a review of the Treasure Act 1996: Nigel Peters summarised SOAG's concerns that while primarily concerned with the definition of Treasure, its handling and the possible regulation of detectorists, in bullet 3 of paragraph 142 of 143 it also includes the following proposal "The introduction of a regulation as in Northern Ireland where archaeological digging of any sort (both by professional archaeologists and others) is only allowed by permit". This presented risks for the effective continuation of strong amateur fieldwork groups like SOAG, and the committee would respond on behalf of SOAG but Mike Green would circulate the membership with information and links so that anyone interested could also make an individual response.

The meeting closed at 2:25 pm

Chair:

Secretary:

COMMITTEE 2019-20

President Hazel Williams
Vice President Ian Clarke

Officers:

Chairman Dave Carless
Vice-Chairman Nancy Nichols
Hon. Secretary Michael Vincent
Hon. Treasurer Kaz Greenham

Ordinary Members:

Michael Green
John Hefferan
Linda Annan
Lindsey Bedford
Nigel Peters
Bill Marks