

**Minutes from
Staverton Wildlife Conservation Society
Annual General Meeting
21st March 2019
The Courtroom, Staverton**

Present: Spencer Keys, Alison Alexander, Cheryl Loverock, Roland Wilkinson, Bruce Thorogood and 10 membershair welcomed all to the meeting

Apologies: Mel Forte

The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved. Proposer Cheryl Loverock. Seconded Michael Alexander

Chairman's Report:

- Party in the Park made about £400. Thanks to all especially Matthew Loverock
- After 3 years we have repaid all loans given to buy the area.
- The PC has given a grant to cover our insurance.
- Maintenance has been carried out when necessary. The area is regularly monitored for maintenance needs.
- We have been successful in a bid from the Community Benefit Fund for £2735 for tree and wildlife surveys of the nature reserve.
- We have made some initial approaches to schools to see if they would like to use the area for environmental projects.

Financial Report – attached.

- Cheryl thanks all who over the years have helped to raise money to pay off our loans.
- We have some money left from the Naturesave Grant. Although there is no strict time limit we will ring fenced this or a future project. This may well be a more detailed board.

Bruce Thorogood proposed that we need to establish a sinking fund to be available for repairs.

The financial report was accepted. Proposer Alison Alexander. Seconder: Bruce Thorogood.

Election of Chair and Directors

Chair. Spencer Keys Proposed by Cheryl Loverock Seconded by Don Patterson
All existing directors were approved – Alison Alexander, Cheryl Loverock, Roland Wilkinson, Mel Forte, Bruce Thorogood

New Directors : Gill Coombs, Michael Alexander, Raymond Hill – all elected
Proposer: Bruce Thorogood. Seconder: Cheryl Loverock.

Alison Alexander will continue as secretary for one more year.
Cheryl loverock will continue as treasurer for one more year.

The Future was then discussed.

1. Spencer Keys talked about allowing schools to use the area for projects. This was one of the societies original aims. Concern was expressed about too much use of an n area which is meant to be undisturbed. The directors will draw up guidelines for schools and monitor the use of the area.
2. Raymond Hill talked about management of the area around the memorial trees. Judicious strimming has been done to allow access to the trees. The general feeling was that too much severe maintenance was not in keeping with he society's management policy.
3. Several members suggested that schools could use the Pavilion and field as a rallying point and dry area.
4. Roland Wilkinson concerned with safeguarding the parish and promoting the best environment possible in the parish. He pointed out that item 2 of the society's constitution covers this aim.

The **objects of the Society** shall be to carry on any business for the **benefit of the residents of the Parish of Staverton** in Devon by either all or any of the following means:

- 2.1.1 The protection or conservation of the environment;
- 2.1.2 The preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance;
- 2.1.3 Such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.
- 2.2 Examples of the ways in which the society may carry out its objects may include:
 - 2.2.1 The operation of one or more local amenities.
- 2.3 The society has been established for solely charitable purposes.
- 2.4 Those objects are carried on for the benefit of the community.
- 2.5 The society's members may, subject to the registration of a rule amendment by the Financial Conduct Authority, change the society's objects. See rule 32.

Ideas included

- planting trees and other plants on spare areas in the Parish.
 - working with landowners, groups such as RSPB, neighbouring parishes.
 - Forging links with academic departments.
5. Boards: The planning of new boards to be done after the results of the surveys are available.
 6. One member expressed concered about pendulous sedge in the area. See management plan item 3.

The meeting ended at 20-50.