



**MINUTES OF THE 137th AGM OF THE HASLEMERE SOCIETY
HELD AT HASLEMERE HALL ON FRIDAY 12th NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM**

Trustees attending
Chris Harrison (Chair)
Dawn Brown
Howard Brown
David Dullaway
Jane Stopford

- 1. Welcome**
The Chair of Haslemere Society, Chris Harrison gave a warm welcome to all attendees.
- 2. Apologies**
Sonja Dullaway, Trustee.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the last AGM held virtually over zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions on Friday 20 November 2020 were approved by all members.
- 4. Chairman's Report**
Chris Harrison ran through the events of the last year. Some highlights had been a successful Summer Party held at Haslemere Museum with around 75 attendees and an event held for new members at the Hunter Centre earlier in the year. Thanks were given to Gareth David for editing the latest newsletter, which is always well received. If members have any thoughts or ideas that they would like included in future newsletters please let us know.

Other initiatives have included the planting of a new tree to replace the one that died, with Christopher Ashton-Jones kindly providing the new plaque free of charge. The Haslemere Biodiversity project is ongoing and will help us to understand the green lungs of Haslemere and how vital a part they play going forward.

Heritage – Blue Plaque

The new Montgomery commemorative plaque is to be unveiled at Amesbury School on Sunday 14th November. We are fortunate enough to have Henry, Third Viscount Montgomery of Alamein in attendance at the unveiling ceremony. Chris Harrison is to be interviewed by BBC Radio Surrey at 7.10am on 13th November on this subject. More details about the 15 plaques that have so far been donated by the Society can be found on our website.

Chris Harrison is currently in the process of liaising with other parties in compiling a comprehensive list of buildings that exist in our town as one does not currently exist.

Planning

Waverly have been under increasing pressure to meet housing targets set by the Government. There are various sites that are currently being developed, including the Georgian House hotel and the old police station. The police station site is to be looked at by Waverley as the build quality is particularly poor. With regards to Red Court, the Haslemere Society has joined the "Rule of 6 Group". Another potential site is the Royal Junior school which is being sold. However it is felt that the building should be confined to the brownfield site area to ensure that the green spaces are preserved. There are also concerns around the aspects of the development at the Barons site at Hindhead. Haslemere Society has already engaged with the relevant parties in this regard.

5. Trustees' Report and Accounts

David Dullaway presented the accounts for the year by way of an onscreen spreadsheet. Christopher Ashton-Jones proposed that the accounts be adopted, and Stephen Mulliner seconded this. The accounts were unanimously approved by members.

David Dullaway conveyed to members that he would be available after the panel discussion for any members that wished to pay their subscription fee either by cash or card.

6. Election of incoming Chairman and Trustees

The Trustees made themselves available for re-election as per the current protocols. All confirmed that they were prepared to stand for re-election. John Robini proposed to accept re-election en masse for all Trustees. This was seconded by Fay Foster. All members voted in favour by a show of hands.

7. Election of Independent Examiner

Claire David, wife of Gareth David, currently acts as the Independent Examiner, a role without remuneration, and is happy to continue. David Smith proposed this motion, seconded by Chris Boobyer.

The formal meeting was concluded at 8.15pm. This was followed by a panel discussion on making Haslemere a more pleasurable place to move around.

Chris Harrison welcomed the guest speakers:

Panel Chair (former Society Chairman) David Smith

Panel Members

Clive Davidson, Liz Burton, Alistair Bayliss

The panel discussion to be followed by drinks and canapes.