

Park Farm Community Cherry Orchard Group



Minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 15th February 2017, at the Community Room, Church of Saint Peter and Paul, Lynsted.

Present: Tom English (TE), Liz Spilman (LS), Brian Pond (BP), Anne Haffenden (AH), Emlyn Morgan (EM), Robert Baxter (RB), Sioux Peto (SP) and Anne Dawes (AD) and nine members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Nicole Delaney, Clare Stewart and Pippa Palmer.

2. **Minutes of the Seventh AGM,**

Minutes of the seventh AGM held on Wednesday, 25th February 2016 were agreed as correct.

3. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report.**

With sadness, the Chairman announced the death of Marlene Disney. The Chairman's report was presented by Tom English - a copy is attached

5. **Finance**

Hon. Treasurer's Annual Report was presented by The Chairman in the absence of the Treasurer. A copy is attached. The balance at the end of the financial year stood at £6156.00. This sum includes a donation of £1500 for orchard maintenance. The group have no debts and the year- end figure has increased by £579 since last year.

Nomination of Independent Examiner for coming year: it was agreed to appoint a new auditor for the coming year, Sheila Giles. Sheila had carried out the audit this year, in place of John Champion. Proposed by TE and seconded by LS.

6. **Election of Chairman.**

Tom English relinquished the chair. The committee unanimously agreed to the re-election of Tom English as Chairman. Proposed by LS and Seconded by AD

7. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

The committee unanimously agreed to the election of Emlyn Morgan as Vice-Chair. Proposed by AD and Seconded by LS

8. **Hon. Secretary**

The committee unanimously agreed to the re-election of Anne Dawes as Hon Secretary. Proposed by TE and Seconded by EM.

9. **Hon. Treasurer**

The committee unanimously agreed to the election of Nicole Delaney as Hon. Treasurer. Proposed by LS and Seconded by AH.

10. **Website Manager**

The committee unanimously agreed to the re-election of Paul Cross as Website Manager. Proposed by TE and Seconded by EM.

11. **Events' Co-ordinator**

The committee unanimously agreed to the re-election of Liz Spilman as events co-ordinator. Proposed by TE and Seconded by BB.

12. **Six Executive Committee Members**

Four Executive Committee members were elected - Proposed by LS and Seconded by Norma Baxter

- I. Sioux Peto
- II. Anne Haffenden
- III. Claire Stewart
- IV. Bob Baxter

13. It was agreed that Brian Pond should continue with the group as a co-opted member. Proposed by TE and Seconded by LS.

The Chairman reported that Frank Champion had decided to step down from the committee to due poor mobility problems. A framed photograph will be presented to him from his friends at the Orchard Group in recognition of his years of support, from the inception of the Orchard Group to the present.

14. The annual general meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

The AGM was followed by an illustrated talk:

'Lynsted: Top trees and Building styles' presented by Bob Baxter.