

# The Friends of the Ridgeway

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 28th April, 2019

### at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington, Oxon

The Chairman declared the Meeting quorate and called the Meeting to order.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from John Edgerton, Lord Bradshaw, David Gauke MP, Steve Baker MP, Ian Richie, Jeff Goddard, Kate Ashbrook and Mary Wheatley. No proxies had been received.
2. **Minutes:** The Chairman noted that the Minutes of the 2017 AGM, held on 22nd April, 2018, had been approved as a correct record by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 5th June, 2018, and signed by the Chairman, in accordance with the Constitution.
3. **Matters Arising:** The Chairman noted that no matters had been notified as arising from the Minutes.
4. **Annual Report:** It was noted that a Notice of this Meeting had been published in the printed Annual Reports circulated to members, including the Treasurer's report and Accounts, and a letter from the Chairman, and that copies of the formal Trustees' Annual Report, the Annual Accounts for 2018, the Hon Examiner's Report, and the full AGM Notice and Agenda, have been provided on request to the members present.

The Chairman noted that the Annual Report contained a full account of the year's activities but would select only a few items.

The Chairman observed that motor vehicles using the Ridgeway continued to be an issue and pointed out the pictures in the Annual report showing one such incidents. It was pleasing to note that the seasonal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on the section of the Ridgeway that runs through the World Heritage site had been extended for this summer to enable repairs to the surface and it was hoped that the TRO would become permanent in the future.

The ancient route which includes the Ridgeway runs for some 350 miles from Lyme Regis to Hunstanton and work continues on establishing a Great Chalk Way along this route.

Further donations had been received to enable the Swire Arts prize to continue and it is hoped this would now be a permanent event.

As always the Friends of the Ridgeway were looking for new members and trustees and all applications would be very welcome.

Finally, the Chairman encouraged members to look at and participate in the Friends of the Ridgeway's Facebook page which kept members up to date with current issues.

After a question on the current number of members (which was estimated at 461, but would change by the inclusion of exhibitors at the Swire Arts Prize), adoption of the Annual Report for 2018 was agreed unanimously.

5. **Treasurers Report and Annual Accounts:** In the absence of the treasurer, the Chairman stated that the Report and the Annual Accounts were published in the printed Annual Report previously circulated, and were available today, with the Trustees' Report and the Independent Examiner's Certificate. The accounts show a healthy surplus.

No question on the Accounts being raised, the adoption of the Accounts for 2018 was agreed unanimously.

6 **Honorary Auditor/Independent Examiner:** The re-appointment of Stephen Sherman FCA, as Hon Auditor/Independent Examiner, who has confirmed his willingness to serve for another year in that capacity, had been proposed by John Edgerton and seconded by Anthony Burdall, and was agreed unanimously.

7 **Election of President and Vice-Presidents:** The Chairman, thanked the President and the Vice-Presidents for their continued support, and proposed that they should be re-elected en bloc. A resolution for their re-appointment was proposed by Tim Lewis, seconded by Jim Gunter, and carried unanimously.

8 **Election of Officers and Committee Members/Trustees**  
The Chairman proposed that all the present Officers and Trustees should be re-elected en bloc together with two new trustees, Tim Lewis and Carole Ruse. This was proposed by Patsy Jones and seconded by John Gordon. There were no objections to this and it was carried unanimously. The Chairman therefore noted that the following had been duly elected:-

**Officers:**

Chairman Anthony Burdall  
Secretary Alan Chater  
Treasurer John Edgerton

**Trustees:**

Andy Greenhalgh  
Jim Gunter  
Diane Godfrey  
Tim Lewis  
Carole Ruse

9 **Other Business:** No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed, and thanked members for their attendance.

Signed:

Date: