

Chingford Historical Society AGM 21st March 2024

Apologies of absence were received from Peter Uglow, Ian Slater, Joanna Hammond and Rosemarie Evans.

Minutes of the last meeting.

There were no matters arising from the 2023 minutes which were adopted and approved by the 52 plus on-line members who were attending this meeting which took place after the monthly meeting with a very interesting talk by Alan White on Copped Hall.

Adoption of reports

The chairman's report was adopted with no votes against or abstentions.

The treasurer's report was proposed by Simon and seconded by Gary. Simon mentioned that the amount in our bank account is whittling down as a charity, but also mentioned that some of the funds will be used in producing a number of publications in the future. LBWF and the Lottery have contributed to funds to benefit the local community hence our various open day events. All monies from grants are out of the system. At present we do not need to increase the subs as we are well set for a couple of years unless there are substantial increases in rents. Our subs contribute to paying for the speakers and the hire of the school hall. Simon later gave thanks to Richard Iles for overseeing the accounts. John Gilbert commented on the layout of the totals to which Simon would look into.

Election of officers

The Chair (Gary Stone) proposed by Simon and seconded by Dorothy Gilford, the Vice-Chair (Joanna Moncrieff) proposed by Gary and seconded by David Mears, the treasurer (Simon Goulter) proposed by Gary and seconded by Tim Valder-Hogg, the secretary (Lawrie Curtis) proposed by Simon, seconded by Gary and together with the membership secretary were all re-elected by 52 members with no votes against or abstentions. The rest of the committee were re-elected by the same margin.

Former committee member Angela Wagstaff has moved and thanks were given for the work she had done over the years.

As requested, all members were introduced to the committee. In addition to those mentioned above were Lawrie Curtis (secretary), Frances Pick (membership secretary), David Boote, Alison Goulter (speaker secretary), Stephen Pick, Patrick Smith and Alan White.

Any other business

Simon Garbett (online) gave a vote of thanks to the committee for their exceptional work over the past year.

Patrick Smith mentioned the work undertaken by Morna Daniels for the forthcoming Royal Forest Hotel publication. Dorothy Gilford mentioned that a planning application had been made for RFH improvements.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.