

The Aldeburgh Society

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting

Held in the Church Hall on Thursday 7 June 2018 at 6.30pm

Tony Bone President of the Society welcomed those present to the meeting and noted that it was quorate.

1. Apologies

Received from Juliet Brereton, Margaret Bongers de Rath, Peter Hill, Clive and Julia Fox, Caroline Gatenby, David Gordon, Valerie and Keith Lax, Catherine Palmer, John Richardson, and Lynne Walker.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 June 2017

The minutes were proposed for adoption, seconded and approved unanimously. There were no matters arising.

3. Committee's Report for 2017

Katherine Mackie presented the Committee's annual report as attached to the agenda, noting some changes to Committee membership and an increase in overall membership to some 400. She expressed warm thanks to Tony Bone, her predecessor and now President, and also to Dreenagh Forestier-Walker, who had made a major contribution over several years as 'social rep' and had now stepped down.

She referred to the brick dock development proposal, the impact of offshore windfarm developments, and the monitoring of planning applications, and stressed the efforts she had made to build productive relations with the Town Council and with Suffolk Coastal DC and Suffolk CC local councillors. The 2017-18 speaker programme had been very successful and well received.

4. Accounts

Adrian Brown presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017. These showed a small loss of £810 on the year's activities, owing in part to the enforced cancellation of one speaker meeting. Donations of £2,219 had been received, mainly in respect of the brick dock case, set against expenditure of £2,580 on planning consultancy. Following a review of the

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diminishing life memberships, a sum of £1,080 was released to free reserves, total funds in hand being £20,522.

The accounts were approved unanimously and Alan Edwards was re-elected as Examiner of the Accounts.

5. Election of Committee Members

The meeting unanimously elected the members of the Committee as follows:-

Mr Tony Bone, President

Mrs Katherine Mackie, Chair

Mr Adrian Brown, Treasurer

Ms Frances Paul, Membership Sec

Mr Paul Bongers de Rath, Secretary

Mr Peter Hill, Chair, Planning Sub-Committee

Mr Robin Boyd

Mrs Diana Hiddleston

Sir Christopher Howes

Lady Morse

Mrs Catherine Palmer

6. Close

The meeting closed at 6.55pm, and there followed an informal discussion on planning and ongoing matters. Peter Hill reported that 130 planning applications had been submitted during the year, some one-third of which had been considered worth examining by the Planning Sub-Committee. Close liaison was maintained with the Town Council Planning Committee, and both had successfully expressed strong opposition to the application from Church Farm Caravan Park to replace the touring caravan pitches by timber lodges, and to an application for over-development of a house in Leiston Road. An application in Franklin Road had been approved against the Committee's recommendation, and negotiations were continuing over the design of the proposed Bank House on the Terrace.

The proposed brick dock development would go to public inquiry on 11 September, for which the cost of professional representation would be shared with the Town Council.

The Conservation Area report was still under consideration.

In discussion, members suggested holding joint discussions over the brick dock plans with the Alde and Ore Association, and urged that careful consideration be given to the potential impact on Aldeburgh and the surrounding area of the SSE offshore windfarm plans, consultations about which were now underway. A member expressed concern about the development of a care home at Rose Hill but it was noted that this is already scheduled in the Local Plan.