

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023**

Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 in the Education Suite at 18.00

### **Trustees/Committee present:**

Philip Palmer, Allison Rogers, Helen McComb, Maureen Moorman, Adrian Johnson, Carolyn McCormack, David Wisden, Liz Hopkins, Malcolm Watson, Frances Bourn.

**Apologies received:** Stuart Rash, Janice Dowse

**Members present:** Thirty one

**Members of English Heritage:** David Bailey and Laura Bosworth

**Proxy Votes recorded:** Thirty seven

Allison opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and giving the committee an opportunity to introduce themselves to the membership. Allison explained that we meet on a monthly cycle with communication and liaison with English Heritage. Meanwhile, Allison produces a monthly newsletter that she hopes is informative for our members and that the Education Suite has received donations from us for various fixtures and fittings. On the house-keeping front, Allison pointed out the location of the fire doors and the muster point. Finally, Allison wanted feedback from members about the viability of changing the AGM to a day-time slot, and that the next AGM will be held in November, and thereafter, in this month to better align with the end of our financial year (30 September).

The formal business of the meeting was announced and commenced with the agenda items.

### **1. Minutes of AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

There were no matters arising and the Minutes were approved unanimously by the floor.

### **2. To receive and consider the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

Philip presented the accounts. There were no matters arising and the Treasurer's Accounts were approved unanimously by the floor. Philip then explained that as he is to stand down

in September 2024, he would encourage any interested members to come forward for a 6 month shadowing period for training up a new treasurer.

**3. To re- elect as a Trustee on rotation.**

Adrian Johnson took over the Chair. Allison Rogers was re-elected as a Trustee unanimously.

**4. To confirm election of a new Trustee.**

Carolyn McCormack was confirmed as a Trustee unanimously.

**5. To receive and respond to any questions raised by members.**

There were no questions from the floor.

**There then followed a presentation from Mr. David Bailey, Head of Historic Properties of the Isle of Wight, and Hampshire.**

David produced a very informative Power-point presentation. Amongst many interesting aspects of English Heritage work we learnt that a long term goal in the new and developing masterplan is to make Osborne House and grounds the 'flagship' site. He also had mentioned the priorities that English Heritage will enshrine in their undertakings. These include conservation, inspiration, involvement, and financial sustainability. David outlined that Osborne would be hosting a King Charles' Coronation event (free but ticketed) for the 6<sup>th</sup> May, but this was not yet out in the public domain and details are yet to be finalised. David finished with a huge thank you for all the Friends' support and he gave particular thanks for our donations of the defibrillator, wheel-chairs, and contribution to the fencing.

**The meeting closed at 18.41 after Allison had thanked all for attending with additional thanks to David, Laura, and Jacqui.**

Helen McComb Secretary 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023