



Essex Society for Family History

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Conducted both online and at Galleywood Heritage Centre on Saturday, 16 October 2021

Present Ann Turner, Eric Probert and Ann Church Vice Presidents; David Eniffer, Chairman; John Young, Vice Chairman; Meryl Rawlings, Secretary; Ron Knights, Treasurer; Executive Committee members and 54 members online and 6 at Galleywood Heritage Centre

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all those present and then handed over to Ann Turner to conduct the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Lord Petre, Fred & Heather Feather, Pauline Adlem, Carol Wiles and Elizabeth Ashton
3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 17 October 2020:** Following an amendment under Section 10 correcting Andrea Hewitt's name, these were approved by both a vote in the hall and an online poll and signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.
5. **President and Vice-Presidents:** The Executive Committee had agreed that for the coming year Lord Petre should continue as President of the Society; that Ann Church, Fred Feather, Eric Probert and Ann Turner should continue to be Vice Presidents.
6. **Chairman's Annual Report on behalf of the Trustees:** David Eniffer gave the report, a full copy of which is attached to these Minutes and will also appear in the Essex Family Historian and on the Society's website.
7. **Financial Report by the Treasurer:** Ron Knights said that the Annual Accounts to 31 March 2021 had been approved by the Executive Committee and were available on the Society's website. The usual, shortened version of the Accounts was displayed during the meeting and members were advised that a full copy, including notes was obtainable from the Treasurer if requested. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Following the treasurer's report and in answer to questions the meeting was advised:

- As a Charity the Accounts did not need to be Audited only Examined. The Examiner for this year and the last eight years being P Kittle, FFA, FIPA, FFTA, Public Accountant.
- The Society was not entitled to claim Gift Aid due to the existence of a Members Only area on our website 'protecting' data which is deemed to give our members a benefit which non-members are denied. Such instances, preclude HMRC from viewing subscriptions as donations.

Ron Knights then formally proposed adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021. This was agreed nem. con. by a vote in the hall and an online poll

8. **Election of Officers/Holding Trustees:** **Elizabeth Cox**, Chairman. **John Young**, Vice-Chairman, **Tanya Sewell**, Treasurer, and **Meryl Rawlings**, Secretary, had been nominated and were elected en bloc.

9. **Election of Executive Committee**

The following had been nominated and were elected en bloc **Colleen Devenish, Heather Feather, Andrea Hewitt, Helen Matten, Paul Stirland, Mary Rix, Trevor Rix, and Janice Sharpe.**

No further nominations were received from the floor.

The following would serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee **Pauline Adlem and Eric Jude.** **Barbara Harpin** will represent the West Essex Branch as they currently do not have a chairman.

A vote of thanks was given to Ron Knights who has served 15 years as the Society's Treasurer.

David Eniffer was also thanked for his work as Chairman during the last year.

Ann Turner then declared the meeting formally closed at 2.30 p.m.

Signed:
President

Dated: