

Minutes of the AGM of the Upwey Society held on 14th March 2019

The 45th Annual General Meeting of the Upwey Society was held in the Village Hall on 14th March 2019. John Huggins began the meeting welcoming everyone. There were 59 members attending with apologies from 11 members.

The minutes had already been circulated and were recorded as a true record of events. Their adoption was proposed by Tony King, seconded by Jim Wilkinson.

Matters arising

The outgoing secretary George White said he had a sizeable collection of minutes which he had placed in the loft of the hall.

Eve, a past Secretary, said her reports had gone for safe keeping.

Appointment of the new President

Eve Price is happy to stand as President following the death of Angela Lousley. Eve has lived in the village for nearly 40 years and was on the committee for 22 years. She was Chairman for 4 years and then stayed on an extra year when she acted as John Huggins' deputy. Since then she has taken on the role of archivist. She is an ideal person for President.

President's acceptance.

Eve thanked everyone for their kind words and that it was a great honour to be asked.

Chairman's Report

Richard thanked John Huggins for taking the meeting in the absence of a President. During the year the Society had sadly learned of the death of President Angela Lousley, a former Chairman and long serving committee member. We also lost our accounts examiner and friend to many, Phil Price and a stalwart member, Mike Goodman. Mike was a former Chairman and for many years the chief organiser of Open Gardens, Barbecue and Bonfire as well as being our local councillor; a real character and a great loss to Upwey.

On a more cheerful note there is a rejuvenated committee and with the continued effort of the tea organisation, the Open Gardens was a success as was the Bonfire taken over by Chris Emblen and Stuart Mead.

The Quiz and Curry night was also a success.

We have released funds for the Church toilet project, also the Defibrillator organised by John Huggins. The Speed monitoring indicators are in place

and a further site on the approach to Upwey from the Relief Road is being investigated. Thanks to George White who despite moving away has continued to oversee the project.

Richard thanked Alex Hooper-Greehill for the Open Gardens parking facility, Jason House for the portable toilet and the Foot family for providing the bonfire site.

He thanked Sue Hancock and Ken Gale who are standing down from the committee and the hard working committee members for their support.

As he stands down he is convinced that the Society is in safe hands for the future.

Secretary's Report

The new secretary is still finding her feet in the Society. She hopes that she will be able to fulfil her role well.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Mountjoy said the accounts had been sent to Munich to the new auditor, Vaughan Price

The year ended with a deficit of £3,742. There had been fewer events this year and insurance for the fireworks took from the bonfire profits. There had been donations to the Church and we paid costs for the defibrillator and the SID. There is £2,600 to distribute, possibly for new chairs for the Village Hall. Balance for the year is £7428.00

After further questions the report was unanimously accepted, proposed by Glenda Llewellyn and Gee Sutton

Membership Report

Glenda Llewellyn reported 12 new memberships and 17 losses. There are 239 members and families with income of £576. She thanked everyone for their continual support.

Election of Officers and Committee

Richard was thanked for his good work in his 2 years as Chairman; he did a good job in attracting new members to the committee. He is now standing down as Chairman and also from the committee.

Mike Davis has been nominated as the new chairman. He has lived in the village for four years and during that time has been an active committee member. In accepting the role Mike said that the Upwey Society enhances the life of the village. He feels he has a lot to learn but is looking forward to the future.

Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman	Mike Davis
Secretary	Pam Harper
Treasurer	Dave Mountjoy
Membership Sec.	Glenda Llewellyn

The following members were re-elected to the committee:

Chris Emblen, Jackie Faulkner, Helen Goodman, Jackie Johnson, Tony King, Stuart Mead, Anne Prendergast, WendySams, Christine Wells.

In addition Jan Willment was welcomed to the committee.

Vaughan Price was elected to examine the accounts.

Proposal submitted by Tony King:

‘That the revised and modernised Constitution and Rules, approved at and by a full committee meeting ,be adopted by the Society as they better fit the present situation’

The proposal was unanimously accepted .
Proposer Dave Mountjoy, seconded by Pat Thompson

AOB

Thanks were given to George for planting daffodils and it was asked if we could spend some money planting more.

It was asked if there could be planning updates. Chris replied that he had taken a look at applications and had made official reports on two. He had put in an objection to the proposed Church Street plans but as yet no decision had been made. The Prospect Place application for eighteen houses had also been strongly objected to.

It was decided there would be a short report from the committee member involved with planning at each AGM.

Tony said planning submissions will be put on the society website.

Philip Elliot, Vicar, expressed his thanks for the generosity of spirit of the Society in standing back from its own fundraising to allow the church priority in their fundraising. He issued an invitation for the new facilities to be used by the community and not just the church.

The 2020 AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th March at 7.30

After the meeting closed refreshments were available for all.