

Minutes of AGM 18th April 2016

Methodist Hall, Church Lane, Marple

1) The President

Donald Reid opened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

2) Apologies

Mr G Higgins

3) Minutes of the AGM 2015

The minutes were adopted as a true and fair record.

Proposed – Christine Julier

Seconded – Chris Walters

Passed unanimously

4) Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5) Presentation of Officers' reports

5A Chairman - Hilary Atkinson

The Chairman reported on a busy and successful year, which reflected on the quality of speakers and the choice of topics. Membership is buoyant and we have published two new books, which have both sold very well. We mounted a presence at three local festivals. Our website is outstanding and items of interest are frequently posted. None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm and hard work of all the committee and many other volunteers. She ended by asking everyone to fill in a questionnaire about society activities and what lectures and visits would be well received.

5B Treasurer - Ruth Hargreaves

The finances of the society are healthy. Membership is high and visitor numbers have been good. Book sales now form an important source of income. Most expenditure was comparable with last year with the exception of marketing. Fees for the use of the Methodist Church for meetings have been paid in advance until the end of the year.

5C Visits Organiser - Judith Wilshaw

We have had a successful season with two well-subscribed tours to Wentworth Woodhouse and to Manchester Central Library and Ordsall Hall. In addition there were two local walks around Hawk Green and Compstall.

5D Archives - Ann Hearle

The group has met regularly every Thursday throughout the year to carry out cataloguing of material, photographs and newspaper cuttings. We also undertake new research and try to answer queries sent in by people in the UK and abroad.

6) Election of Committee

The following members expressed their willingness to stand for re-election:

Hilary Atkinson

Ann Hearle

Louise Thistleton

David Burrige

Neil Mullineux

Karen Wellings

Martin Cruickshank Donald Reid Judith Wilshaw
Ruth Hargreaves

As there were no other people nominated the President put the names forward en bloc.

Proposed – Chris Walters

Seconded – Christine Julier

The committee was elected unanimously

7) Election of Honorary Auditor

Mr G Moore indicated his willingness to stand

Proposed – Lynda Jenkins

Seconded – Tony Jones

The appointment was approved unanimously

8) AOB

Various dates of interest over the summer were announced.

Members were requested to fill in the questionnaires before leaving.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded at 8:13p.m.