

**THE MARLOW SOCIETY**  
Registered Charity 262803  
**Minutes of 62nd Annual General Meeting**

Present

Sir Keith Stuart (President), Mr Richard Parker and Mr Andrew Wood (Co-Chairmen), Mr Graham Fletcher (Hon. Treasurer), Mr Geoff Wood (Trustee and stand-in secretary) and around fifty-five other Members of the Society met at Christ Church URC, Marlow, at 7:30pm on Thursday 18th May 2023.

### **1 - Co-Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Richard Parker welcomed Members to AGM. There would be an opportunity to hear from Anna Crabtree after the formal meeting.

The President of the Society Sir Keith Stuart was invited by the Co-Chairman to take the meeting's chair for the formal business of AGM.

### **2 - Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from forty-five Members, including from Hon Secretary.

### **3 - Minutes of 61st AGM**

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were adopted.

### **4 - Matters arising**

The Executive Committee had notified no outstanding matters to raise and none were raised from the floor.

### **5 - Executive Committee's Report**

The President introduced the Report. He referred to the huge volume of work being carried out voluntarily by the Executive and other Members.

Richard Parker was invited to give a short update to the Report about the four-thousand pounds that had been donated to support the Save Marlow's Greenbelt campaign.

One Member noted that it was important the Society tackle traffic congestion and pollution in our town.

The Executive Committee Report was adopted.

## **6 - Annual Statement of Accounts**

Hon Treasurer Graham Fletcher summarised the Society's financial accounts detailing significant sums of income and expenditure, and explaining the factors that had contributed to changes from the previous year's accounts, including the pandemic. He highlighted the pro-bono work of Seymour Taylor in examining the accounts and thanked them on behalf of the Society.

There were no questions and the Statement of Accounts was adopted nem con.

## **7 - Election of Officers of the Society**

The President advised that the Officers had been nominated and had offered themselves for re-election:

Richard PARKER and Andrew WOOD as Co-Chairman  
Graham FLETCHER as Hon Treasurer  
George LAWRENCE as Hon Secretary

No other nominations had been received. The meeting confirmed these four Officers.

## **8 - Election of an Executive Committee**

The following four members of the Society had been nominated and had indicated their willingness to serve on Executive Committee:

Olwen ELLIOTT, Ray ISTED, Julia PENDLEBURY, Geoff WOOD

The number of committee places being greater than the number of candidates standing, AGM was pleased to confirm these nominations, bringing the elected Committee to eight members with the Officers.

## **9 - Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the 2023 Accounts**

Elizabeth Horton for Seymour Taylor Audit Limited had indicated her firm's willingness to continue as Independent Examiners of the Society's accounts. The meeting was pleased to confirm her firm's re-appointment.

## **Closing**

The President thanked on behalf of the meeting all the Exec Committee members and the other Members of the Society who contribute so much of their time to working for our town.

He referred to the loss of Martin Blunkell, Janet Smith and Peter Bailey, who had all contributed hugely to the success of the Society. Finally he thanked retiring Exec Committee member Mike Overall for all his work over too many years to remember.

### **Post AGM Talk**

Anna Crabtree was invited to give her talk. She spoke about planning issues, with particular reference to the Green Belt, and answered questions and comments from members.

**Richard Parker**  
Co-Chairman

**Geoff Wood**  
Acting Secretary