

**Annual General Meeting Minutes
10 August 2020 (notional date)**



The AGM for 2020 was given a notional date of Monday 10 August 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was not possible to hold a physical meeting therefore the business of the AGM was carried out by electronic means.

Members were emailed the formal notice of the meeting on 17 July 2020 with links to the agenda and papers on the AGM page of the website and reminder notices were also sent. Members were asked to vote on items where a decision was required by means on a voting form. Members were also given the opportunity to send in questions/comments. All questions received have been collated and the questions and responses can be found at the end of these minutes.

Votes cast by: Robert Peacock, Robert Sword, Steve Parker, Dave Evans, Cllr Phil Kershaw, Julie Stewart, Cllr Subash Sharma, Ian Horton, Michael Beaumont, Angela Doherty, Jane Peacock, Christine Evans, Sunni Parker, Meryl Parker, Roger Crowther, Luke Peers, Geraldine O'Brien, Chris Hall, Pamela Walker, Alan Walker, Matthew Atkinson, Shaun Thomas, Vanda Inman, Simon Allen, Sam Tindall, Wendy Roughley, John Senior

Notes: Angela Doherty

1. To receive and approve the minutes of the AGM held on 28 May 2019

The minutes of the AGM held on 28 May 2018 were **APPROVED** unanimously.

2. To reappoint Ashby Berry Coulsons as the Company's Accountant for another year

A review of the services provided was undertaken by the Board in February 2020. This included seeking quotes from alternative providers. Taking into account the costs and the level of service offered the Board agreed, at their Board meeting on 18 February 2020, to **recommend** the reappointment of Ashby Berry Coulsons.

The reappointment of Ashby Berry Coulsons as the Company's Accountants was **APPROVED** unanimously.

3. Election of Member Directors

There were 3 vacancies for Member Directors due to the retirement by rotation of the Directors – Ian Horton, Dave Evans and James Risker. Of those only James Risker decided not to seek re-election.

Following the Call for Directors, nomination forms were received from Dave Evans, Ian Horton and Asher Haynes.

David Evans was **ELECTED** to the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

Asher Haynes was **ELECTED** to the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

Ian Horton was **ELECTED** to the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

4. To receive the accounts for the year ending 31 October 2019

The accounts for the year ending 31 October 2019 were noted. The accounts have already been approved by the Board and filed at Companies House in accordance with the Companies Act 2006

5. To receive the Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was available for Members to read on the RWCE website. Three questions were submitted by members. These, together with the Board's response, are attached as an Appendix to these minutes.

Appendix to RWCE AGM 2020 Minutes

Questions submitted and responses:

Q: Do we have to update our membership and is there a membership fee ?

A: There is no need to renew membership - it continues until you inform us otherwise. There is no membership fee.

Q: I would have like each nominee to have made a statement about their ideas for future of the woodland

A: Each nominee completes an application form and is asked to include a statement to support their candidacy. These nomination forms are posted on the website so that they are available for all members to view to help inform their voting decision.

Q: Are there any plans to supply guides to the many routes through the woods for the benefit of walkers?

A: There are plans to restore the way marked woodland walk and also for a geology trail in Forge Valley. There are also plans to provide signage at key car parks showing Public Rights of Way and Bridleways. Some maps will be on the RWCE web site to download. RWCE continues to work with the National Parks on all Public Rights of Way.