

THE ARTS SOCIETY RUTLAND

AGM 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

MINUTES

Welcome: Gay Woodley welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those not seen for some time. Gay said that the members were the most important part of the Society and she thanked them for their support over the last three years. Gay said that there had been so many changes and a lot of things with which to cope. Gay thanked the committee, Marilyn for doing the minutes, and Mary for arranging an interesting programme for 2023. Della as organiser of visits had had a frustrating time because of cancellations but the recent visit to Wentworth Woodhouse had been excellent. Gay thanked Pip whom Gay said had been a wonderful treasurer for three years. We were trying to reduce costs and it was hoped that the increase of subscriptions to £55 would not discourage members.

Gay presented Pip with a card and bottle. Pipe responded with thanks, and said that things were in good order, and that he was willing to assist someone to take over the role.

Finally Gay thanked Kate, who had been vice-chairman.

Gay said that she had enjoyed being chairman again, thanked members for their support, and there was now a good committee so she wished everyone well.

Apologies: These had been received from Hugh Henderson, Sarah Forsyth, Debra Thatcher, Maggy Herbert-jobson, Penny Elliot, Anthea Kenyon and Elaine Cadbury

1. Minutes of the meeting of 18th November 2021: These had been previously circulated, and were agreed.

2. Chairman's Report: This had been previously circulated and was accepted

3. Treasurer's Report: The report and audited accounts had been previously circulated. Proposed by Hugh Henderson and seconded by Gay Woodley that they should be approved.
Approved

4. To approve the appointment of Martyn Smith as Financial Examiner of the accounts for the next financial year:

Proposed by Pip Kirby and seconded by Jacqui Robinson. **Approved**

5. To approve the election of the following officers of the Society:

Chairman: Kate Blank

Proposed by Susan Dixon and seconded by Ann Kanter. **Approved**

Treasurer: There was no nomination

6. To re-elect the following officers of the Society:

Membership Secretary: Hugh Henderson

Minutes Secretary: Marilyn Switzer

Proposed by Sylvia Howard and seconded by Anthea Kenyon **Approved**

7. To approve the re-election of committee members:

Della Stones, Jacqui Robinson and Rita Kelly

Proposed by Janet Jones and seconded by Joy Wilson **Approved**

8. To elect the following to the committee:

Mary Twidell

Proposed by Della Stones and seconded by Helen Roberts **Approved**

Susan Dixon no longer wished to be elected to the committee

9. To approve an amendment to the Constitution and Rules of the Society as detailed in the agenda:

Proposed by Kate Blank and seconded by Della Stones

Kate Blank explained that this would allow the Society to have virtual meetings if it wished to do so at any time. **Accepted**

10. There was no further business

Kate Blank then made a presentation to Gay Woodley and thanked her for all the time and effort she had given over many years to keep the Society moving forward.

Kate concluded by saying that there was a good programme for 2023 and she looked forward to welcoming members in January. A letter with the form for the renewal of subscriptions would be going out in the next few days.