

**THE ARTS SOCIETY - WOKING**  
**Minutes of the Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting**  
**Held at Normandy Village Hall**  
**8th November 2022**

At 10.00 a.m. Trevor Walters, the Chairman, welcomed all Members to the Society's 33rd Annual General Meeting. Circa 100 Members were in attendance. He advised that the AGM agenda and pre-read had been sent out by e mail and if members had not received these they were asked to contact the Membership Secretary to ensure their email address was up to date. The Agenda was also posted on the screen.

**1. Apologies.**

Janet and John Gill

**2. Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting, held on 9th November 2021**

Having previously been circulated, the Minutes' adoption as a true record of that Meeting was carried by a show of hands.

**3. Matters Arising.** There were none.

**4. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman's Report had been circulated with the Agenda and was taken as read. He added his thanks to the Committee and to Malcolm Read who was due to retire and Romy Read who had been co-opted on as Programme Secretary and had now accepted the post of President. He thanked Janet Gill for her time as President.

The move to Normandy Village Hall has been a success primarily due to the efforts of Sarah Barker and Mike Peel. He pointed out that there were vacancies on the Committee (Vice Chairman and Secretary).

He reported that several societies had folded in 2022 not for lack of members necessarily but for **lack of Committee members**. Five societies have folded nationwide of which two were close neighbours of ours (Shalford and Walton). There is an existential risk to our society if we do not have new members on the Committee. He also reminded members that "word of mouth" was the best means of maintaining membership and that we depended on them to ensure sustainability.

He also mentioned Gift Aid represented quite a large slice of our income and asked members to make certain they were signed up with the Membership Secretaries if they were UK income tax payers.

Our Charity donation has been given to support Young Arts at Watts Gallery – Artists Village.

There were no questions.

## **5. Finance**

Accounts were in the Addenda of the Agenda previously circulated.

The Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet have been signed off by our Independent Financial Examiner, John Gill. The Chairman pointed out the typist error in the records of the Treasurer's report and the Accounts. The figures in the audited accounts to be taken as correct.

Adoption of the Accounts was carried by a show of hands.

## **6. Society's Independent Financial Examiner**

John Gill had indicated that he was prepared to continue to act in this role.

The Members approved his re-appointment with a show of hands.

## **7. Committee Reports on the Previous Year's Activities.**

Copies of the Committee Reports had been circulated with the Agenda.

There were no questions

## **8. Election of the Committee.**

The following Committee Members, all of whom have retired pursuant to paragraph 6c) of the Constitution were elected by a show of hands-

### **Unanimous:-**

|                        |                         |
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| Chairman               | Trevor Walters          |
| Vice Chairman          | Vacant                  |
| Treasurer              | Angela Grundy           |
| Membership Secretaries | Jo Pay and Sarah Barker |
| Visits Secretary       | Sue Walters             |
| Publicity              | Richard Jordan          |

8.1 Programme secretaries Christine and Geoffrey Wiskin **Unanimous**

8.2 Secretary Malcolm Read having retired the post remains vacant

## **9. Any Other Business.**

The proposed alterations to the constitution: change of name to The Arts Society, Woking and the President to be appointed for up to 5 years were passed by a show of hands.

Romy Read the new President thanked Trevor for his committed hard work through the preceding difficult times. The members applauded loudly.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 10.23