

Wakefield Naturalists' Society

Minutes of the 143rd AGM, Tuesday, 11th January, 2017

Present: 31 members of the society

1. Apologies

- a. Were received from Colin Booker, Pete Williamson and Jill Hirst.

2. Minutes of the AGM of 13th January 2016.

- a. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. President's Address.

- a. John Gardner (JG) pointed out that 2016 was the 165th year of the society and its first year as a registered charity.
- b. JG highlighted some of the successes for the society during the past year:
 - i. The Peregrine Project has had a good year, drawing lots of interest from members of the public.
 - ii. The society has attracted some new members.
 - iii. Members have enjoyed some good talks, including ones by speakers new to the society.
 - iv. Income has been increased.
 - v. Outdoor meetings have been well attended.
- c. JG thanked those who have helped the society in various ways during the past year.

4. Treasurers' Report.

- a. Michael Warrington (MW) presented the accounts to the members and concluded by stating that the society had healthy bank balance at the close of 2016.

5. Election of officers.

- a. The president, officers and ordinary members of the committee were re-elected.
- b. Michael Rose and Mark Archer were elected to the committee.

6. Auditor.

- a. Peter Smith has undertaken an audit of the society's accounts.

7. Subscription Rate.

- a. The annual subscription was increased to £10, as agreed at the previous AGM.

8. Charitable Status.

- a. Michael Rose stepped down as a trustee.
- b. Michael Rose was re-elected as a trustee.
- c. JG was elected as a fourth trustee.

9. John Cudworth Legacy.

- a. JG informed the members that John Cudworth, a former life member of the society, left a legacy of £2000 to the society.
- b. Arrangements have been made for a bench to be made using part of the legacy. This will be sited at the “migration watch-point” at Anglers’ Country Park.
- c. A new digital projector will be bought to replace the current projector, which belongs to JG and is in need of replacement.
- d. A donation of the balance will be made to the Peregrine Project.

10. Any Other Business.

- a. There was no other business.

Signed:- Date:-.....

Chairman