



**Friends  
Of  
Leckhampton Hill &  
Charlton Kings Common**

**Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Leckhampton Primary School**

**18.0 Welcome**

The Chair, John Harvey, welcomed about 30 members and visitors to the Eighteenth AGM of FOLK.

**18.1 Apologies for Absence**

Chris Ryder, Dianne James, Bridget Paish, Margaret Patterson, Eric Miller, Rob Reid, Paul Baker, Geoff Holt, Andrew Bishop, Shirley Wood, Di Meredith, Maureen McBain.

**18.2 Minutes of the Seventeenth AGM Held on 9th November 2016**

The minutes of the seventeenth AGM were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.

*Proposed:* Mike Donnelly

*Seconded:* Pete Niblett

**18.3 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**18.4 Annual Report**

The chairman explained that FOLK had produced an Annual Report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017. This report includes all the reports from officers of FOLK (a copy of the report is attached to these minutes as appendix 1). The chairman said that rather than go through the whole report he would highlight the main items with the use of charts (the chart presentation is attached to these minutes as appendix 2).

Acceptance of the Annual Report (including the accounts) was proposed by Paul Ryder and seconded by Mike Donnelly.

**18.5 Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members**

**18.5.1 Election of Officers**

The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary may stand for election annually for a maximum of 5, 4 & 3 years respectively.

**Chair**, John Harvey is eligible and willing to stand for a further year. There being no other nominees, John Harvey continues as Chair.

**Treasurer**, Malcolm Geddes is eligible and willing to stand for a further year. There being no other nominees, Malcolm Geddes continues as Treasurer

**Secretary**, Andrew Ross is eligible and willing to stand for a further year. There being no other nominees, Andrew Ross continues as Secretary.

The meeting approved these decisions.

**18.5.2. Election of Executive Committee Members**

Committee Members are elected to serve for a term of 3 years, and can be re-elected for a second term of 3 years.

The Chairman presented a chart showing the Exec members for the past year and those proposed for the coming year (the chart is included with the charts in appendix 2). The Chairman explained that there is currently a single vacancy for an elected member to join the committee and stressed that anyone who may be interested should contact any of the FOLK officers.

The meeting approved the appointment of the Exec members as proposed

**18.6 Any Other Business**

The following questions were asked

**18.6.1** Whether the grazing exclusion area might have been too small or too far from other exclusion areas, and whether further time was needed to see whether excluding grazing would increase the wild flower density. The Chairman said that there was no evidence to suggest either of these factors were significant, but after running for two years the grazing exclusion experiment had now ended

**18.6.2** Were any nettlebanks retained on the hill or common. The Chairman said there was one on the top near the arable reversion fields.

**18.6.3** What weedkiller was used to control the spread of ground ivy. The Chairman said that a small amount of glyphosate was used in a restricted area.

There was no other business so the formal AGM closed at around 8.00 pm, followed by an interesting,

**Signed:** .....

**Chair**

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**Secretary**

**Date:** .....