

Minutes of the Twenty first Annual General Meeting of FOLK held on 20th January 2021 by “Zoom”

21.1 Welcome

The Chair, John Harvey, welcomed 13 members and 10 committee members to the twenty first AGM of FOLK. The meeting commenced at 19:10.

21.2 Apologies for Absence

Paul & Christine Ryder

21.3 Introduction to Zoom use

All present had successfully logged on, one or two members may have been excluded due to technical problems which it had not been possible to resolve in time.

21.4 Minutes of the Twentieth AGM Held on 20th November 2019

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

Proposed: Mike Donnelly, Seconded: Oliver Pointer.

21.5 Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that FOLK had finally learnt that initial approval had been given by National Grid to the FOLK - CKPC bid for works on Leckhampton Hill, Charlton Kings Common and Ravensgate Hill. Further details would be given to members in future newsletters.

21.6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman spoke briefly about the Annual Report that had been previously circulated.

A major feature of the year had been the increased use of the hill due to the various lockdowns that had been in place. This had led to footpath erosion, increased littering and in some cases conflicts between walkers and cyclists.

It was acknowledged that problems had been caused purely by the greater number of users.

Efforts were being made by FOLK to make arrangements to ease the pedestrian / cyclist conflict and litter pick work parties had been mounted.

Margaret Whalley commented that she was pleased to see greater use of the hill while Sylvia Fry made a plea for more cyclists to fit bells to warn of their approaches.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the executive committee for their support over the past year. Particular thanks were given to:

Martin Wood for producing an excellent newsletter, Mike Donnelly for his work in maintaining notice boards and publicity.

Geoff Holt for his tireless work in organising the work parties and Peter Niblett for administering the highly popular Facebook page..

Acceptance of the report was proposed: Geoff Holt, Seconded: Rick Plummer.

21.7 Accounts - 2020

The Finance Report showed a surplus for the year of £395, this left FOLK with total funds at the end of the year amounting to £5,712 which equates to around 5 years of normal operating expenses (expenses were depressed in 2020 due to reduced activity).

It was noted that FOLK was receiving approximately £400 per annum from the Cheltenham Lottery.

Acceptance of the formal accounts was proposed by Rick Plummer and seconded by Pete Niblett.

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21.8 Election of Officers and Executive Committee members.

John presented a chart showing the proposed officers and committee members for the year ahead. The number of nominations received was less than the number of committee vacancies and thus the members previously nominated were approved and are as follows:

John Harvey - Chairman

Mike Donnelly – Vice chairman

Malcolm Geddes - Treasurer

Tony Duffin –Secretary (including Membership)

Peter Whalley, Geoff Holt, Peter Niblett, Oliver Pointer, Anne North, Clive Lewis –
Committee Members

21.9 Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 19:45.