

Minutes of AGM 2025

25 Clausementum Road on Saturday 14th June, 5.00 pm,
by kind permission of Christopher and Ann Balfour

Present: Jonathan Sleath (Chairman), Marian Hollingsworth (Treasurer), Ann Balfour, Brian Millett, Steve Postle.

Apologies for Absence: Janet Rowland-White, Lysbeth Sleath.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a reconciliation of the 2024 accounts. Thanks to a generous donation our financial position is stable. From time to time we do need to purchase new items of equipment and we pay an annual insurance premium to Zurich. It was felt that a new pitchfork would be our next expenditure. Santander will be charging us for our banking from September so we will have to look elsewhere.

Health and Safety Policy/Risk Assessment

These were reviewed and some minor changes were made to the Risk Assessment.

Chairman's comments and discussion

Firstly, we noted formally the sad death during the year of Ivor Snook, who was a great supporter of our work, both financially and in spirit. Although his health failed in recent years he was still very much interested in what was happening on the Fen.

Our conservation work continues in its familiar pattern, with assistance from the boys of Winchester College. We appear to have successfully eradicated Himalayan Balsam from the Fen at present, as there has been no sign of any new plants this season. Age multi-stemmed crack willow that was leaning over into the St Faith's School conservation area was removed by HCC contractors, letting in a lot of light to the area near the pond.

Committee membership for 2025 including elections if necessary.

Not all committee members responded to say that wished to continue, but we were delighted to welcome Steve Postle from Clausementum Road. Steve has professional experience of vegetation management and will be an excellent addition to the committee,

The committee voted in is as follows:

- Chairman: Jonathan Sleath
- Treasurer: Marian Hollingsworth

- Elected member: Ann Balfour
- Elected member: Brian Millet
- Elected member: Steve Postle

AOB

A work party was planned to assist with work in Zone 3 in July. In view of the poor attendance last year, Ann will drop a note through the letterboxes of people on the street.

Thanks and close

We thanked Christopher and Ann Balfour for their kindness in hosting us and for the most excellent refreshments.

Jonathan Sleath

CFCG Chairman

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