

The Purbeck Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at The Mowlem Theatre on Friday 13th January 2023

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm. Thirty-four members were in attendance.

Apologies: Howard Oliver and Colin Brixton

Chair's Report:

A happy New Year to you all.

The Purbeck Society has had a successful year in 2022 despite all the difficulties associated with the pandemic, remote working, and adjusting to both national and international emergencies. We have had a series of interesting talks in the autumn and a pleasant pre-Christmas social tea party.

We look forward to delivering an interesting programme of talks and a visit or two in 2023. Details of these activities are in this newsletter. In addition, they will be shared on the website of The Purbeck Society. Do please look out for them.

The AGM presents an opportunity for additional persons to join the committee and to share in planning for the future direction of the Purbeck Society. Please contact any of the committee members if you can help in any way.

Peter Bowyer

Treasurer's Report:

On the 1st January 2021 we had a bank balance of £750.96, petty cash of £177.50 and a Bath Building Society balance of £4,021.41 - a total of £4,949.87

We finished the year with a bank balance of £1,362.28, petty cash of £131.30 and a Bath Building society balance of £4,059.71 - a total of £5,553.29

In my view, the society's financial position remains fairly healthy.

Having been Treasurer for the last 7 years, this year I am standing down. I wish my successor and the Society all the best for the future.

Dave Morton

The meeting thanked Dave Morton for his many years as treasurer and gave a round of applause.

Membership Report:

As at 31.12.22 The Purbeck Society had a total of ninety-three paid up and honorary members, twenty two of whom were new members in the last year.

The Committee hope that 2023 will see the numbers grow further, as a full programme of talks and outings are planned.

The membership fee remains at £10 for a further year, fees being due for the current year ending 31.12.23.

Thank you to all who have already paid for the year.

Linda Hernandez

Election of Officers & Members of the Committee:

Existing officers:

Chair - Peter Bowyer

Secretary – Jessica Sutcliffe

Membership Secretary – Linda Hernandez

Events Secretary – Karen Delahay

All agreed to continue in those posts for the coming year and their re-election was passed unanimously.

David Churchill had offered to take over the role of running the website.

Dave Morton explained the role of Treasurer, confirming that there was no statutory requirement to audit the accounts. In the absence of any nominations for the post of Treasurer, Linda offered to take on the role in conjunction with that of membership secretary. Nominated by Derek Tarrant. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman made a general appeal for members to stand on the Committee, reporting on the important issues that face The Purbeck Society, including archaeological, countryside, social history, an ability to record and archive and to share development and activities across Purbeck. The society has is a potential avenue for developing interests in any specific area, being a Civic Society. The contribution made by the Purbeck Society is recognised by the local council.

Frances Thackway kindly offered her assistance to the Committee.

The formal business of the meeting ended at 3pm.