



**Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting of the
Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society
held at Peter Symonds College - Science Lecture Theatre
on Wednesday 18th May 2016**

1. Apologies:

- 1.1. Apologies had been received from member Ann Jones.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- 2.1. The minutes were read and will appear in the next newsletter. Acceptance was proposed by Julia Sandison, seconded by Dick Selwood and **agreed**.

3. Matters arising

- 3.1. There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

4. President's Report

- 4.1. Chris Elmer spoke of how he had been cheered by the all the year's activities that had taken place, and all the hard work that been done to achieve this by members, Section committees and Council members.
- 4.2. CE thanks the anonymous donor who had made a substantial contribution to HFC funds. It had been agreed by Council that this money would be best used in the promotion, through the planned new Section, of Hampshire Papers.
- 4.3. CE spoke of the planned website upgrade, forced on the HFC by HCC who are discontinuing their free hosting service to community groups. It has been taken as an opportunity to improve the look-and-feel, and to provide new services and interactions.
- 4.4. 2016 would see the first online publication of Hampshire Studies and the process by which this would happen would be made public soon. This is the method by which academic audiences now preferred to receive their copies, and with the costs of producing the paper copies increasing, this was a natural development. Paper copies would continue to be produced however.
- 4.5. CE emphasised the role of Sections in developing and presenting outstanding activities and events for the membership to become involved with. Considering what is available to members for a very reasonable fee (especially compared with other societies) it is a veritable cornucopia of interests and knowledge.
- 4.6. CE mentioned again the new Section, Hampshire Papers, and explained that this was an opportunity for the HFC to be involved in a regular, visible and populist publication. Two had been published with a third in production. There is a sizeable list of papers to be considered, hence the need for a separate overseeing body.

5. Treasurer's report

- 5.1. Sandy McKenzie presented the 2015 accounts. She explained that the financial climate meant that interest rates were low, so little income could be expected from investments.
- 5.2. However, she continued to explore possible routes to higher interest, especially within the Member Services part of the accounts.



- 5.3. HFC continued to promote research and practical help for individuals and societies through the issuing of grants. 2015 had been an active year for new grants and there is a commitment for 2016 of c. £11,000.
- 5.4. The Editorial Board budget was dependent on both Hampshire Studies costs (which were predictable – and Pauline Blagden did very efficient work in collecting in the contributions from commercial archaeology companies, for whom *HS* was a major publication route) and the ad hoc publications, such as monographs, two of which had had major impact on the budget in 2015.
- 5.5. The online publication of *HS* would be a major contribution to cost saving for the Editorial Board budget.
- 5.6. Sections had a good year with a very popular conference by Archaeology Section, but all Sections had healthy budgets.
- 5.7. The 2015 accounts were proposed by Robin Iles, seconded by Don Bryan and **accepted**.
- 5.8. Dick Selwood thanked Sandy for all her hard work on the society's behalf, for a 22nd consecutive year as Treasurer.

6. Election of Officers

- 6.1. Three ordinary members were continuing their terms, Marian Gray, Karen Wardley and Marian Gray.
- 6.2. Two ordinary members come to the end of their three year appointments, Alex Lewis and Pauline Blagden. We thank them very much for their contributions. However, both Alex and Pauline are involved in particular activities within the Council, namely administering the grants allocations and acting as secretary to the Editorial Board. Their work is currently invaluable in these capacities. It is the intention of the Council to invite them both to be co-opted onto the Council to undertake these duties under rule 10.2 of the constitution.
- 6.3. There were a number of vacancies for ordinary members of the Council notice of which was sent out in the flyers for the AGM. Two requests were received:
 - Jo Bailey: Proposer Robin Iles; Secunder Dave Allen – **Elected**
 - Haighleagh Winslade: Proposer Sandy McKenzie; Secunder Dave Allen – **Elected**
- 6.4. The re-election of all other officers who agreed to stand for another year,
 - Treasurer – Sandy McKenzie
 - Secretary – Chris Sellen
 - Chair of Editorial Board – Dave Allen
 - Membership Secretary – Jane King (confirming co-opted position June 2015)
 - Programme Secretary & Webmaster – Mike Broderick
 - Publications stockholder – Julia Sandison
 - Librarian – Jenny Ruthven of Hartley Library, Southampton University

Proposed *en bloc* by Robin Iles, seconded by Don Bryan and **accepted**.

7. Any Other Business

Julia Sandison reminded members present of the Chairman's words in describing the hard work of the various committees and their members. She proposed a vote of thanks which was greeted with a round of applause.

The AGM was followed by a well-received President's Lecture given by Jane Ellis-Schön, "The Finding Pitt-Rivers Project".

After questions a vote of thanks was given by Chris Elmer.