

PURLEY LITERARY SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 19 MARCH 2019

1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

John Wilson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He immediately proposed Richard Walker as Chairman. This proposal was seconded by Simon Little. There were no other candidates. Richard Walker chaired the rest of the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Bob Cherry (Treasurer).

3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following officers were elected/re-elected unopposed by the meeting:

Richard Walker – Chairman

Bob Cherry – Treasurer

Yvonne Walker – Membership Secretary

John & Bobbie Wilson – Programme Secretary

Tony Pearson – General Secretary

New Committee Member: Richard Walker announced that Sarah Thomas had offered to join the Committee, and he nominated her, seconded by Simon Little.

4 MINUTES OF AGM 20 MARCH 2018

Accepted as an accurate record. No matters arising.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony Pearson presented the report in the absence of Bob Cherry. Overall the finances are in good shape. There have been some modest increases in fees paid to speakers and hire charges for the hall. But there is a healthy balance going forward to next season. There will be no increase in membership fees for next season.

6 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The society has 94 full members, 6 half members and 3 life members. Yvonne Walker invited members to renew their subscriptions before the first meeting of the new season. The programme for 2019/20 will be emailed to members as soon as it is finalised. A vigorous advertising campaign in the CR5, CR6 and CR2 postal areas had been undertaken as well as approaches to local churches and residents' associations in order to encourage interest.

7 PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT

John Wilson presented the programme for 2019/20. Ten speakers have been engaged so far. The remaining two slots are in the process of being filled. The opening evening – 8 October – will feature a talk on Mr Selfridge and the Suffragettes.

8 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Richard Walker thanked colleagues on the Committee for their support. He also offered warm thanks to others who had given generous help – Maureen Patel for standing in to deliver her talk about the National Trust, Ken Travers for his behind the scenes work at the hall, Mike Patel for his support with the audio visual equipment and the lap top, Angela Little and Jane Pawlowska for contributing raffle prizes at Christmas, Simon and Angela Little for serving refreshments and Rita Cherry and Sandra Pearson for organising the raffle and cakes at Christmas.

Richard noted that attendance at meetings had been good and the quality of speakers high. He welcomed Sarah Thomas to the Committee. This was duly endorsed by the members.

Richard spoke warmly of the outstanding service of John and Bobbie Wilson to the Society, notably their 23 years of arranging the programme. In recognition of this the Committee had decided to award Life Membership to John and Bobbie. This was met with an enthusiastic round of applause.

9 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

John Whittingham was thanked for his help and reappointed as independent examiner of the Society's accounts.

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 20.00 and was followed by refreshments.

Tony Pearson

General Secretary

4 April 2019