

Note: Subject to approval at next AGM

FAVERSHAM FOOTPATHS GROUP

MINUTES OF AGM ON 8 NOVEMBER 2016

The Group's first AGM was held at 7.30pm on 8 November 2016 in the Mayor's Parlour at the Alexander Centre. 24 Members were present.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1. Trevor Payne (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mike Cosgrove, Simon machLachlan and Marion Ripley.

REPORT ON WORK OF GROUP SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN JUNE 2015

3. The meeting had before it a note by the EC, which had been circulated in advance, setting out the Group's activities since it was established in June 2015. Trevor Payne summarised the main points and invited any comments and questions. In discussion, it was noted that the Open Spaces Society and the Ramblers were both heavily involved in considering the issue of the designation of footpaths by 1 January 2026. In connection with the Group's work on examining the status of alleyways etc in Faversham, it was suggested that it would be worth checking with Swale BC whether they were included in the programme for public cleansing of streets.

REPORT BY TREASURER

4. Roy Campbell reported that the Group currently had £267.82 in its bank account. This represented subscriptions from 64 members minus bills for web hosting and the hire of the room for the AGM totalling £52.18. The meeting noted the position.

ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5. Trevor Payne said that all the existing Officers and Members of the Executive Committee were content to stand again for election bar Roy Campbell. Julian Saunders was willing to stand for election as the new Treasurer. There were no other nominations for Officer or Member positions. The meeting duly elected the following to serve on the Executive Committee: Trevor Payne (Chair), Julian Saunders (Treasurer), Brian Caffarey (Secretary), John Coulter (Member), Andrew Osborne (Member), Anne Salmon (Member) and Brian Turner (Member).
6. Roy Campbell was warmly thanked for his work in setting up and and managing the Group's financial and accounting arrangements.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2017

7. The meeting agreed to the proposal that membership should in future be on a calendar year basis and that the subscription should remain at £5. It was also agreed that anyone joining the Group after 30 September in a given year should be regarded as having paid their subscription for the following calendar year.
8. It was noted that it was hoped that, in order to reduce the administration involved, as many members as possible would renew their membership by standing order. If members did not wish to use this method, it would help if payment could be made by cheque rather than cash since the former could be paid in at the Post Office. Details on how to renew membership would be sent to Members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GROUP

9. No other matters were raised.

Trevor Payne declared the meeting finished at 7.45pm. It was followed by a presentation by Kevin Haugh of Natural England about the England Coast Path.

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