



Minutes of AGM 16th April 2018

1) The President

Donald Reid, opened the meeting at 7:45 pm

2) Apologies

Hilary Atkinson
Maureen Walters
Gwenn Perks

3) Minutes of the AGM 2017

Mrs Wilshaw pointed out that Christine Julier's name was incorrectly spelled. Apart from this the Minutes were adopted as a true and fair record.

Proposed – Chris Walters
Seconded – David Horsfall

Passed unanimously.

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5) Presentation of the Officers' Reports

Chairman: Ann Hearle

The chairman reported another successful year. Membership at 131 is the highest ever and in addition there were 48 visitors. There were eight talks on a varied mix of subjects and several walks in the summer months. Regrettably our exhibition about the history of the orthopaedic hospital had to be postponed because of the weather but it has been rescheduled, commencing May 12th for one week. The committee has worked together as a very successful team.

Our newsletter is an essential element of the society, keeping us in touch and introducing new and interesting topics. For this we have to thank David Burrige and it is pleasing that almost all members are now "online" and can receive it. Which leads directly to the subject of Data Protection and the new regulations coming into force. We already comply with existing regulations and we are ensuring that we adhere to the spirit as well as the letter of the new regulations. I give a personal assurance that we will never act against the personal interests of our members and we will be completely transparent in all our activities.

Treasurer: Ann Williams

Just a few comments to clarify what has been a very successful year. In terms of income we are still awaiting the reclaimed Gift Aid but we should receive a similar amount to last year shortly. Income from book sales is down slightly but should increase next year with new publications. Although rents for both this meeting venue and the archive room at Mellor Parish Centre are up we have spent considerably less on archival equipment. Although there is expenditure for exhibition costs we will be reimbursed for that by Disabled Living charity. Apart from that we have made a number of donations to local charities for specific causes. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Denise Edge for auditing these accounts.

There was one question from the floor querying the legal situation for one charity making a donation to another. This was answered from the floor that this was quite acceptable practise. The recent publicity about political organisations making donations does not prevent normal contributions from one charity to another.

Visits Organiser: Judith Wilshaw

This year we have had four trips to places of interest. The Spring trip combined a stop at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet with a visit to Renishaw Hall, the home of the Sitwell family. In the summer we visited one of the key sites of the industrial revolution, Cromford Mill established by Richard Arkwright. With our autumn and winter trips we explored different aspects of Manchester - a walk around Ancoats and then a visit to both the police Museum and the cathedral, both very worthwhile.

In the summer we organised three separate walks to All Saints' churchyard, to Glossop and to Bugsworth Basin. In addition, we had an extra trip arranged at short notice, to Eyam Hall as the National Trust are no longer making it available to the public.

At the end the President congratulated Judith on her management of the financial arrangements for the trips.

Archives: Ann Hearle

A very busy year. Material is always being donated to the Society and space is a concern but we try to accept everything of genuine interest. It is all indexed and filed and we get enquiries from worldwide, particularly since our 'Omeka' cataloguing led by Louise Thistleton. This puts us on the leading edge amongst local history societies.

A number of people make personal visits which makes our sessions even more interesting. Despite some difficult weather conditions, we have missed very few Thursday mornings and we will always welcome new faces to help.

6) Election of Committee

The following existing committee members expressed their willingness to stand for re-election:

David Burridge	Louise Thistleton	Martin Cruickshank
Karen Wellings	Ruth Hargreaves	Ann Williams
Ann Hearle	Judith Wilshaw	

In addition, Hilary Atkinson, a previous member, and Jackie Collins, a new member were willing to stand for election.

The President is not standing as he wants to retire after eighteen years' service. He thanked the society for the support he had been given over that period.

As there were no other nominations, the President put the names forward en bloc.

Proposed – Geoff Higgins
Seconded – Brenda Reid

Passed unanimously

7) Election of Honorary Auditor

Denise Edge has agreed to perform this role again.

Proposed – Brenda Reid
Seconded – Geoff Higgins

Passed unanimously

8) A O B

In a contribution from the floor Lynda Jenkins thanked the President, on behalf of the Society, for the service he had performed over his time in office. The Society had grown and flourished in that period.