

# DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## OF CPRE HAMPSHIRE

The Annual General Meeting of CPRE Hampshire took place in person at Sparsholt College on Saturday 13th May 2023 starting at 10:00am.

Present: 37 members

No proxies

## Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

The Earl of Malmesbury, President of CPRE Hampshire, formally opened the meeting. He welcomed Ulrike Maccariello, the Development Director of Hastoe Housing and introduced Alison Talbot, the new Operations Manager. He thanked all the Charity's volunteers, including those working on the hedgerows and litter picking projects.

### Item 2: Welcome. Highlights of 2022 & looking forward to the future - Margaret Paren, Chair

The Chair, Margaret Paren, thanked the President and welcomed everyone to the AGM. She provided an update on CPRE National and recent planning changes introduced by the government. The topics covered included the removal of housing targets, a policy of brownfield first, solar developments and hedgerows. The Chair then turned to CPRE Hampshire: the Operations Manager has developed a business plan to put the Charity on a pathway to a firmer financial footing. The main priorities of the Charity: putting planning at the heart of what it does, engaging at the earliest stage and before public consultation, upskilling Parish Councils, and challenging inappropriate infrastructure and housing developments. The major projects for 2023 comprise the Hampshire Hedge, Dark Night Skies, Litter Picking and the Countryside Awards. Finally, the Chair finished by thanking the District Groups, the Charity's staff, and Trustees John Lauwerys and Martin Gillie.

# Item 3: Introducing CPRE Business Plan 2023-2024 - Alison Talbot, Operations Manager

The Operations Manager provided an introduction to the Charity's business plan, which comprises four key priorities: Planning, supporting National CPRE, engaging with Local Planning Authorities, and campaigns. The Charity will focus on projects which bring in money, raise the profile of the Charity, fit with its expertise and charitable objectives, and engage likeminded partners. The Operations Manager then described the current projects: The Hampshire Hedge, Dark Night Skies, and Litter.

# Item 4. Our Projects, volunteers and staff share some highlights of our work

Moya Grove, one of the Charity's volunteers, gave a presentation on water, explaining how since 2012 it has been necessary to establish the link between planning and water. The talk provoked numerous questions from the audience.

## Item 5: Formal AGM and Apologies

Five apologies were received.

## Item 6: Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 23rd April 2022

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Boyd McCleary and seconded by John Lawerys. The motion was carried unanimously. The President will sign the minutes at a later date.

### Item 7: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## Item 8: Adoption of Statement of Accounts for 2022

The President referred to the statement of accounts that had been posted on the CPRE Hampshire website and the report of the independent examiner of the accounts. Adoption of the Statements of Account was proposed by Caroline Dibden and seconded by Christopher Napier. The motion was carried unanimously.

## Item 9: Election of Trustees

The President introduced Simon Beetham, Nathaniel Wood as the two individuals standing as election as Trustees. Their election was proposed by Dee Haas and seconded by Christopher Napier. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Item 10: Any Other Business

There was none.