



## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CPRE HAMPSHIRE

The Annual General Meeting of CPRE Hampshire took place in person at Sparsholt College on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 starting at 11.00am.

Present: 25 members, 5 non-members

Apologies: 5

Proxies: 1

### **Item 1: Opening of the Meeting**

The AGM was opened with a welcome by the Earl of Malmesbury.

### **Item 2: Looking Forward to the Future**

Margaret Paren, Chair of CPRE Hampshire outlined some of the challenges facing the charity, from the proposed changes to the planning system to Local Government devolution.

### **Item 3: The Hampshire Hedge Project**

Ellie Banks, Hedgerow Project Officer gave a presentation on the Hampshire Hedge Project.

The presentation was followed by questions from the members.

### **Item 4: Celebrating 100 years & Challenges facing our countryside**

Roger Mortlock, CEO of CPRE, then gave a talk on the challenges facing our countryside and plans for the CPRE centenary in 2026.

The talk was followed by questions from the members.

### **Item 5: Apologies for absence**

Liz Mitchel, Trustee, introduced the formal AGM, confirmed that there was a quorum and stated there were 5 apologies.

### **Item 6: Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM**

Two minor corrections were highlighted, 'grey skies' should read 'grey fields' and, it is Liz Mitchel not Liz Clarke.

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Carole Oldham and seconded by Christopher Napier.

### **Item 7: Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

### **Item 8: Adoption of Statement of Accounts for 2024**

Ben Goodall, Treasurer, presented the accounts for 2024. There were no questions.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Alastair Clarke and seconded by David Rigby. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item 9: Election and Appointment of Officers**

- a. The President introduced existing Trustees Margaret Paren and Boyd McCleary, who were standing for re-election as Trustees. Their election was proposed by Christopher Napier and seconded by Nat Wood. Their election was carried unanimously.
- b. The President introduced Margaret Paren who was standing for re-election as Chair. Her election was proposed by Bob Wren and seconded by Sue Halstead. Her re-election was carried unanimously.
- c. The President introduced Boyd McCleary who was standing for re-election as Vice Chair. His election was proposed by Christopher Napier and seconded by Ben Goodall. His re-election was carried unanimously.

**Item 10: Any other business**

Alison Talbot, Operations Manager gave a short presentation on the 2025 Countryside Awards , outlining the 4 categories, explaining that they would dovetail with the National Countryside Awards in 2026 and our Hampshire winners would be put forward to the National awards. She urged members to spread the word and put forward projects in their area.

The President then closed the AGM.