

OLD HELEANS' SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday 26th April 2019, 6.00pm

Carriages, Devon Hotel, Matford, Exeter

MINUTES

Present

S. Bouette, R. Cripps, G. Elwell, T. Harry, G. Hartnell, K. James, M. Judd, T. Kerslake, D. Mardon, J. Merrett, D. Phillips, A. Pugh, A. Ridgway, K. Stone, D. Thomas, K. Walling, B. White, K. White. (18)

1. Apologies

D. Cameron, C. Channon, C. Healey, I. Hopkins, J. Langdon, R. Miles, F. Potter, M. Ridgway, N. Walton, M. White. (10)

2. Minutes

The minutes had been published in the annual magazine so they may be read by all members. The secretary apologised for a record of A.O.B. being omitted from the copy in the magazine.

The 2018 minutes were signed as a true record.

Proposed: D. Mardon Seconded: G. Hartnell

3. Chairman's Report

The chairman welcomed everyone and informed us that our President John Langdon has not been well and apologises for being not fit enough to attend.

The chairman, in the first of a 3 year term of office, read his year 1 report card:

a. Links to St. Peter's C of E Aided School

- Along with our Secretary I met with the Headmaster (Mr Phil Randall) at St. Peter's last November.
- A very positive meeting when it was agreed that we could have access to add the name of Herbert W. Powley to the War Memorial.
- The removal of the Headmaster Portraits was also raised and they have now been re-mounted.
- An application regarding assistance from the Endowment Fund has been passed to the Trustees.
- The one outstanding item is the establishing of the John York Mathematics Achievement Award. The Committee will continue to press the School on this.

b. OHS Website

Refreshed and re-launched at: www.oldheleanssociety.org.uk

c. OHS Magazine

We again thank Kevin White for all of the work undertaken to produce OHS Magazine No. 68. We must continue to thank Kevin and indeed congratulate him, as this is his 40th year as Editor. Also thanks to Jill Salway (the Treasurer's sister) for typing up Kevin's notes! Please note however one small hiccup with the Officers and Committee Members - the details listed were for 2017-18 and we apologise for this small error. **Must do better next year!!**

d. GDPR/Member Register and Membership Numbers

Falling and now down to 340. See Membership Secretary report being given by the Secretary.

e. Sporting Activities

The Annual Cliff Race this year will be later this year to be held on Saturday 8th June 2019. Further details are available from the Secretary.

f. Social Activities 2018-19

- A Summer Dinner was held at Exeter Golf and Country Club on 12th July 2018. Disappointing numbers with only 24 members, wives, partners and friends attending.
- The Society Autumn Lunch at Windelsham Golf Club, Surrey on 28th September 2018. Once again this event was very well organised by Derek Thomas on behalf of the Society. The next Lunch has been booked for Friday 27th September (See events page on website).
- A visit to the Norman Lockyer Observatory, Sidmouth was planned for the autumn but unfortunately was held over. I hope that, with some help from the committee, we will see if we can find a convenient date for autumn 2019, once nights are darker.

g. Old Heleans' Facebook Group

Brian Frost has continued to co-operate with the Society and published information sourced from the Society including the Chairman's 2018 Christmas Letter, booking details for this dinner and for the Autumn Lunch at Windelsham.

h. Thanks

Finally may I thank the Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and other Committee members for their support and help during my first year as Chairman.

4. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer provided copies of the accounts (general and endowment) for the year ending 31st December 2018. He took us through the accounts.

General Fund

Balance on 31.12.19 £2,061.90

No comments or questions on this account from those present.

Endowment Fund

Balance on 31.12.19 £2,500.36

No comments or questions on this account from those present.

The treasurer read a report on the three beneficiaries we had been supporting to the end of the academic year 2018.

- * At present we are no longer supporting Estella Browne and Emily Ballantyne. Further assistance has been requested for Helen Ballantyne.

- * The trustees now have a number of requests to consider including one from St. Peter's High School for assistance towards their jazz band.

A. Ridgway proposed a vote of thanks to Maurice Bell (Independent Examiner) who examines the accounts.

5. Membership

A report was read by D. Phillips.

We have 340 paid up members, having omitted those who have not paid subscription for at least 2 years.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). In order to comply with the regulations which came into force in May 2018, forms (on green paper) were sent to all members (S.A.E enclosed to all members within UK). The returns were collated by D. Phillips, A. Pugh, J. Tolliday and B. White in August. Further forms were sent, to anyone who had not returned one, with the Chairman's Christmas letter.

On 06.02.19 the total number of forms returned was 281. * The committee decided to send a copy of the annual magazine to only those who had returned a green G.D.P.R. form.

Re. Directory for Members:

- 190 members gave permission for details to be published on paper and a secure site on the website.

- 65 members gave permission for details to be published on a paper version only.

- 14 members gave permission for details to be published only on the website.

- 12 members refused permission to be included on any sort of directory.

Following the report G. Elwell asked about members paying subs by standing order. The treasurer answered that most are paid by that method.

D. Thomas raised the issue of publishing a paper directory for those who have given consent. P. Rodd (O.H.) is prepared to work on this for us.

* N.B. only a few more have been received since then.

6. The Committee (2018-21)

The Committee as adopted at the 2018 A.G.M. is as follows:

President:	John Langdon
Chairman:	Barry White
Vice Chairman:	Michael Judd
Secretary:	David Phillips
Treasurer:	Anthony Pugh
Magazine Editor:	Kevin White
Membership Secretary:	John Tolliday

Committee Members: Terry Harry, Dennis Mardon, Derek Thomas

The Chairman stated we would be happy to co-opt new members for the Committee. There were no nominees.

7. A.O.B

- (i) Diary Dates
27.04.19 A stadium tour of Exeter City F.C.
08.06.19 Exmouth – Budleigh Coastal run/walk
27.09.19 Windlesham Lunch

- (ii) A. Ridgway - Enjoys get togethers with Old Heleans –
suggested Lympstone Manor for a summer get together.
- To encourage links with St. Peter’s consider inviting the head or another
representative from the school to speak at one of our functions.

- (iii) D. Mardon - Complimented K. White on an excellent magazine.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.50pm and the company proceeded to dinner.