

THE FRIENDS OF THOMAS PLUME'S LIBRARY

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Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Friends (which is also the seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Charity) conducted remotely due to Covid 19 restrictions, recorded as of 16th May 2020.

A note was sent out to all members of the Friends stating that unless any objections are received by Saturday 16th May, the reports detailed in the Agenda will be deemed to be approved and the committee and officers elected on this date.

1. Minutes of the last AGM on 17th May 2019

A few corrections have been made to the text and the signed Minutes will be now be filed together with the finalised and examined Annual Accounts and the Annual Report.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Annual report by the Chairman of the Friends on the past year.

The Annual Report, already approved by the Committee, has been posted on the Friends page of the Plume Library website and enclosed in the mailing for the information of the Friends.

4. Presentation of the accounts and report of the Hon Treasurer (Janis Croom)

The finalised accounts, already approved by the Committee, have been posted on the Friends page of the Plume Library website and circulated to the membership. These have been examined by David Sage, our Independent Examiner.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner

David Sage has confirmed that he is willing to continue to act as Independent Examiner of the Friends accounts for the forthcoming year. This appointment is proposed by Janis Croom and seconded by Tony Doe. We convey thanks to David for this generous service to the Friends.

6. Report on membership in the year ended 31st March 2020

Mary Wells has reported that we have had nine new members who have joined this year. The total number of Members at the end of the financial year is 147. Our application forms have now been amended stating that new members will receive the Friends mailing by email by default. (We will of course post to those who do not use email)

7. Election of Honorary Officers

- (a) Chairman: the serving Chairman, Helen Kemp had to resign this position in September 2019 when taking up the post of Plume Librarian on the retirement of Erica Wylie. Sue Swaffin-Smith has been acting as interim Chairman in the meantime and is willing to continue until May 2021.
- (b) Treasurer: the serving Treasurer, Janis Croom is eligible and willing to stand for the coming year.
- (c) Secretary to the Charity: The serving Secretary to the Charity, Tony Doe wishes to stand down. Janis Croom is eligible and willing to take on this role.

These positions have been approved by the committee and the membership have been previously notified and their approval is now assumed and thus the Honorary Officers are considered duly elected.

8. Election of Committee

The Friends constitution allows up to nine members of the Committee in addition to the Honorary Officers. The following are current committee members who are eligible to stand and willing to continue: Dido Arthur, Al Brown, Tony Doe, Sue Edward and Mary Wells. We have been pleased to welcome Sheila Bates, Mike Kneller and Sue Roache to our committee meetings in January and March. Sheila and Sue have been members of the Friends for many years and are Art Society volunteers at the Plume Library. Mike is a new

Friend who has expressed great interest in the Plume Library and has IT skills to offer to the committee. All are eligible and willing to stand for election. No further nominations have been received. All have been proposed and accepted by the committee and the membership have been notified and their approval is now assumed and thus the Committee are considered duly elected.

9. Resolutions proposed by members

No resolutions had been received.

Ed Maggs, of Maggs Bros. Antiquarian Books was booked to give the talk this year. Sadly this had to be cancelled but it is to be hoped that he will be able to come to our AGM in 2021.

Sue Swaffin-Smith

19th May 2020