

THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

The meeting was held at the St Alban's Centre, Baldwins Gardens, London EC1N 7AB, on 27 April 2017, and was chaired by Trevor Cooper.

Apologies: P.S. Barnwell, Nick Chapple, Lord Cormack, Mark Kirby, Ruth Knight, Sarah Perons

The meeting opened at 7.38pm following a lecture by John Schofield on 'The Archaeology of Wren's St Paul's Cathedral'. The chairman welcomed attendees and introduced the members of council present.

1. The **minutes of the AGM** on 14 April 2016 were approved unanimously (proposed by Derek West, seconded by Christopher Webster).

4. **Draft accounts.** Anthony Gilmour, Treasurer, reported that the finances were stable: net assets stood at £65,236 as against £63, 784 last year. The draft accounts were approved unanimously (proposed by Roger Cline, seconded by Christopher Moore), on the basis that any material matters raised by the Independent Examiner would be reported to the next AGM.

5. The **Annual Report** of the Council had been put before the attendees and its highlights were addressed by Becky Payne, Secretary. Additionally Trevor Cooper spoke of the sad loss of Stephen Humphrey and his key role in helping to restore the status of the Society from the 1970s. His executors had passed over to the Society all relevant papers that he had held. The report was accepted unanimously (proposed by Sara Croft, seconded by Philip Broadhead).

6. The meeting was asked to put on record members' appreciation of the contribution made by **the Society's President and Vice-Presidents** to the standing of the Society and ecclesiology: the Rt Rev. David Stancliffe (President), DD, MA, FRSCM; Dr Donald Buttress (President Emeritus), OBE, LVO, DLITT, MA, FSA, ARIBA, Surveyor Emeritus of Westminster Abbey; the Rt. Revd & Rt. Hon. Richard Chartres, KCVO, DD, FSA; the Lord Cormack, DL, FSA; the Rt Hon. Frank Field, MP; Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Kt, DD, FBA; M. J. Saunders, MBE, MA, FSA; Professor Gavin Stamp, Hon. FRIAS, Hon. FRIBA, FSA; Lady Wedgwood, FSA. The motion (proposed by Trevor Cooper, seconded by Christopher Moore) was approved unanimously.

7. **To elect honorary officers and members of the Council.** The following nominations have been received: Membership Secretary: Clive Chapman; Reviews Editor: Christopher Webster; Editor of *Ecclesiology Today*, Nick Chapple; Editor of *Church Crawler*: Phil Draper; publicity director, Ruth Knight; Conference Administrator, Christopher Moore; Website manager, Mark Kirby; Treasurer, Anthony Gilmour; E-newsletter editor, Sarah Perons; Minutes Secretary, Geoff Brandwood; Secretary, Becky Payne; members of Council, Paul Barnwell, Trevor Cooper (currently elected Chairman of Council), Andrew Derrick, Paul Velluet. Approved unanimously (proposed by Derek West, seconded by Christopher Moore)

8. **Honorary Auditor** (that is, the Independent Examiner of the Society's accounts). Mark Ockelton was elected (proposed by Trevor Cooper, seconded by Paul Velluet).

9. **Any other business.** Trevor Cooper expressed his thanks for the Council for its work over the past year and to the St Alban's Centre for hosting the AGM.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.