**Dorking Society**

**Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting**

Held at Crossways, Dorking, Surrey at 19.15 for 19.30 start on Monday 13th May 2024

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| 1. **Chair’s welcoming address**   The Chair, Jean Ward, welcomed members and invited guests present. The Chairman referred to the printed report of the DS summarising activities of 2024 provided for attendees, noting:  **Museum** – re-opened after repair, with almost a year of closure; though Walks, Cave Tours shop sales and research continued as usual  **History Group** – talks both live and zoom were delivered alongside outing events.  **CT** – a newsletter was sent out detailing the focus of the group; currently working on the Best Development competition  **Foundry redevelopment** – demolition was completed satisfactorily. We engaged solicitors to help ensure that we maintained our vehicle access from North to West streets.  **Helen Cutler**  Asset & Projects Manager  **Mole Valley District Council**  I’m pleased to confirm that PDP Architects have been appointed as Architect and Lead Consultant for the project.    In line with the Cabinet approval from October 2023, they will be progressing the concept designs through RIBA stage 3, and subject to viability, will be working toward submission of a planning application later this year.  It is our intention to offer stakeholder consultation prior to submission of the planning application and we will be in touch in due course.  In the meantime, we are conducting some surveys on site so you may see a bit more activity than usual.  I’m still key contact for any questions.  Jean concluded by remembering all those who have passed away during the year. Further the recent loss of Martin Cole: following a hugely successful career as a microbiologist, Martin chaired the museum and the LHG. He was also President of the Dorking Rotary club. He will be sadly missed. We pass our very best wishes to Maureen. |
| 1. **Apologies for absence**   Apologies for absence have been received from Barbara Brigham, Julian Womersley, John Woodcock, John & Christine Thom, Kathy Atherton, David & Pam Pettman, Christina Quinnell, Michelle Howes |
| 1. **Minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 10 May 2023 and matters arising**   Approval of the minutes was proposed by Sandra Wedgwood and seconded by Peter Sturge. The minutes were approved without amendment.  There were no matters arising. |
| 1. **To receive and adopt the financial accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023**   James Dampier presented a summary of the accounts  The adoption of thefinancial accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 was proposed by James Friend and seconded by Ben Tatham, and duly approved. |
| 1. **To elect an independent examiner of accounts**   To reappoint David Wheeler as the independent examiners of accountants was proposed by Sue Tombs and seconded by David Draper and duly approved. |
| 1. **To re-elect the following Trustees retiring by rotation: Jean P. Ward**   Proposed by Sandra Wedgwood and seconded by Ben Tatham; and duly approved. |
| 1. **Close of Meeting**   Followed by a talk on the Inventions of Barnes Wallis, given by Peter Hoar |
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