

Minutes of Hadstock Society AGM
held by video conference due to Covid 19 restrictions
on **Friday 27th November 2020**

Present: Hamish Mcilwrick (Chairman), Pat Croxton-Smith (Treasurer), Richard Dolby (Secretary), Derek Bushell, Lorna Mufty, Mel Abbiss, Paula Griffiths, Maggie Hartley, Jeremy Pearson, Rick & Sue Albrow, Rod Mcilwrick

1. Minutes of 22nd November 2019 AGM

These were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report for the year to 1 October 2020

The audited accounts showed a cash surplus of £1671. PC-S explained that subscriptions were down on last year because door-to-door collection had been difficult with Covid restrictions.

An invoice for £1000 was expected soon, being the Society's contribution to the printing of the Millennium "Hadstock in 2020" booklet.

Subscriptions were now due for 2020/2021. RD said that we should encourage on-line subscription payment and he would write to the membership. It may also be possible by correspondence to gather in some 2019/2020 unpaid subscriptions.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by DB, seconded by MA and approved.

3. Chairman's Report

The report had been circulated and RD made a Powerpoint presentation of the main activities and achievements of the past year. Good progress had been made on adding content to the Hadstock Society pages in the new village website. Spreadsheet capture of data from Parish maps around 1805 had been completed as part of the Essex place-names project and analysis was starting. A series of simplified maps of the Parish and village had also been created to look at changes in landscape over the last 250 years and story lines were being developed.

These various projects would provide outputs suitable for archiving on the website.

The meeting was pleased with the general progress and the shift towards capturing an increasing volume of data on Parish history suitable for online archiving.

4. Election of Officers

HM proposed and LM seconded that the nominated officers and Committee members, as listed in the revised AGM agenda, should be elected for the coming year. This was agreed by the meeting and the elected Committee for the next 12 months is:

Chair: Richard Dolby
Secretary: Maggie Hartley
Treasurer: Patricia Croxton-Smith
Committee: Hamish Mcilwrick, Derek Bushell, Mel Abbiss, Lorna Mufty

RD then thanked HM for his 40 years of service to the Society (which included two terms as Chairman), for his many contributions to the Society's aims and objectives and for the being a strong advocate for the Society in the Uttlesford region.

4. Project priorities for 2021

4.1. Supporting the Church 2020 Millennium project, specifically:

(i) Display material and artefacts for the history exhibition alongside the 2021 Village Fete. A decision on whether the Fete goes ahead will be made in a month or so by the Fete Committee.

(ii) Work to support the planned increase of digital outputs for the Hadstock Millennium Programme in the light of current Covid restrictions.

4.2. Analysis of place-name spreadsheet records of Parish and Village maps, as a contribution to the Essex Place-names project.

4.3. An exploratory project on house history and the potential for creation of an archive of documents and photographs related to specific buildings in the Parish.

4.4. Improved and more on-line archiving of heritage information.

PG thanked the Society for supporting the Millennium projects, particularly the Hadstock 2020 booklet and for helping with the agreed new emphasis on digital outputs for the Church Millennium programme. RD noted that the illustrated map project was in part a contribution as a digital output, and also suggested that field finds from Banton Field and also other local artefacts could be photographed and would make a nice addition to the website, whether or not the Fete and history exhibition went ahead. This idea was welcomed.

The list of priorities was approved by the meeting.

5. AOB

There were no issues raised and the meeting was closed.