

**Minutes of the Hadstock Society 2021 AGM
held in the village hall
on Friday 26th November at 8pm**

Those present:

- Committee Members: Richard Dolby, Patricia Croxton - Smith, Lorna Mufty, Derek Bushell, Maggie Hartley

- Other Members: Sue and Rick Albrow, Janice and Jim Snell, Tim Boyden, Moire and Peter Jarritt

Apologies received:

Gill Butterworth, Brendan Burchell, Tony and Jenny Handley, Silke and Mike Sheppard, Rod Mcilwrick, Peter and Susan Wiles

1. The meeting opened with RD greeting everyone and explaining the format of the evening's meeting. Once the items on the agenda (previously distributed) had been discussed and agreed, the formal part of the meeting would be closed and then RA and RD would give their talk. This would be followed by refreshments and a chance for members to view the exhibits from the 2005 Dig and 2007 Field Finds, and maps showing changes to the landscape dating from 1805. There would also be a looped presentation on historic images of Hadstock.
2. Minutes from the AGM held on 27th November 2020 (previously distributed) were agreed and accepted.
3. Treasurer's report (previously distributed) - Outgoings had been higher than normal due to the donation towards the production of the Millennium village book. Some money had been received back from the sale of copies of the book. PC-S explained that collecting subscriptions this past twelve months had been difficult due to Covid restrictions. RD thanked TB for auditing the accounts and proposed that the report be accepted. LM seconded this and all present accepted the report.

PC-S has now decided to step down as treasurer and RD thanked PC-S for her dedicated work as treasurer over the past 26 years. Prior to that PC-S had been the honorary secretary to the committee and one of its founder members. PC-S mentioned the archaeological digs had been exciting and she had enjoyed seeing both Millennium books produced. RD presented PC-S with a gift and card on behalf of the committee.

4. Committee Report 2020/21 (previously distributed) - RD thanked all members (currently 66) for their support of the work undertaken last year. He gave a brief outline of projects undertaken: -
 - Planning Consultations, including the renovations to the King's Head where the society's focus was on the listed building and materials rather than usage.
 - 2020 Millennium booklet
 - PJ and RD had been very involved with NextNorth in designing the website and archive. The Hadstock Society has responsibility for the upkeep of the archive, its design and content.
 - RD showed the 12 main sections that are on the website as well as a Statistics Summary of who is looking at the website. Articles in the Parish Magazine have sparked interest and increased numbers of viewers.
 - Landscape History Parts 1 and 2 have been completed. Members have been sent copies and Part 1 is on the website. Part 3 is underway.

- Artefacts, many from HMc's house, have been archived from the 2005 Dig and 2007 Field Walk. 2010 Field walk artefact classifying and archiving are still ongoing.
- The village hall archive has been completely reorganised. The HS is acting as archive for VH documents.
- An exhibition had been planned for the Fête day which did not take place due to Covid.

RD concluded that it had been a good year for the Hadstock Society despite Covid. DB proposed a vote of thanks to RD for his dedicated work as Chair this past year.

5. Changes to the Committee - HMc is stepping down but PC-S will remain a committee member. One new nomination had been received for Gill Butterworth to join the committee. RD proposed the nominations for this year's committee be accepted and RA seconded this.

6. Changes to Constitution (previously distributed) - no objections had been received by email.

RD reminded everyone that members' subscriptions are due from 1st October each year. He gave some clarity on the number of meetings to be held each year with a minimum of three. Members present were content with the proposed changes.

7. The priority projects for 2021/2022, as outlined on the agenda, were accepted as interesting projects to pursue by members present. DB was able to share the exciting information that one of his collection of horseshoes had been confirmed by Carolyn at Saffron Walden Museum, as belonging to the Medieval period.

8. A.O.B

- DB proposed that there could be a page on Facebook entitled '*Hadstock Past and Present*' similar to the Linton page. People could submit photos and share information about names of people in the photos. DB has offered to be the administration officer. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that there should be further research into the idea.
- PJ raised the question of ongoing costs of the archive. RD said that this would be examined in the next few months.

The formal meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Maggie Hartley
Secretary Hadstock Society