



## **Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 16 September 2020 in the Morris Room, St Clement's Church**

***Note: in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines attendance was restricted to the HOTRA Committee plus two new proposed Committee Members.***

JMB thanked DE on behalf of the Committee and wider community for his outstanding work as Chairman (over 20 years), and presented him with a card and bouquet of flowers. A very hard act to follow!

**Attendance:** Dick Edwards, Jill Bradley, Phil White, Shirley Hawley, Tim McEwan, John Reynolds, Ann Novotny, Hazel Lloyd, Raquel Lebron and James Thomas (prospective Committee Members).

**Apologies:** Cllr. James Bacon, Cllr. Dany Louise, Francesca Edmunds (prospective Committee Member).

**Minutes of the 2019 AGM:** accepted unanimously.

### **Annual Accounts and Membership Report**

PW, Treasurer, gave details of the accounts together with the current membership. Currently, the bank balance is £1,042.69 (including a £30 cheque to be paid in). The current membership stands at 143, of which 38 are new or returning members. This is the lowest since 2009. 80% pay by cheque, 18% by cash, and 1% by bank transfer. Suggestions of wider publicity for HOTRA and encouragement to pay by bank transfer were discussed. The Accounts were unanimously approved. DE gave many thanks to PW for his work as Treasurer

### **Report from the Independent Examiner of Accounts, Dirk van Dijk**

PW read this report on Dirk's behalf. It was unanimously approved, and DE thanked Dirk for his continued work on behalf of HOTRA.

### **Chairman's Report**

This had already been included in the AGM Agenda sent to all residents recently. This was also unanimously approved.

**Rule Change:** “This meeting agrees to create the position of Vice President with responsibility for liaising with the Isabel Blackman Centre in Perpetuity”. This had been discussed and agreed at the last Committee Meeting on 26 August, and DE gave background details for the benefit of the two prospective members. This was unanimously approved, and a “shadow” to assist DE was suggested. DE will seek the views of the other charitable partners involved and report back at the next Committee Meeting.

## **Elections**

**Chairman:** in the absence of any nominees each Committee member (in alphabetical order) will take the Chair for one month.

**Vice Chairman:** Dick Edwards (DE).

**Treasurer:** Phil White (PW).

**Minuting Secretary:** Jill Bradley (JMB).

The following were elected as a result of the ballot:

**Management Committee:** Hazel Lloyd (HL), Ann Novotny (AN), Tim McEwan (TM), John Reynolds (JR), Raquel Lebron (RL), James Thomas (JT).

**Co-opted Members:** Shirley Hawley (SH), Mary Phillips (MP).

*DE has written to Francesca Edmunds thanking her for her interest.*

DE thanked everyone for attending, and the AGM finished at 4.55 pm.