

SLINGSBY WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER GROUP

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm
via Zoom

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Gill Baker, Jon Boots, Jo Breckon, Caroline Edwards, Richard Flint, David Thornley.
2. **Welcome and introduction:** Jon Boots (Chairman) welcomed all present to the tenth AGM of the Group, and outlined the order of business.
3. **Apologies** had been received from Dave Wilmore (retiring committee member).
4. **Chairman's report:** The Chairman gave an overview of the Group's activities during the last year, outlining how the pandemic had caused the Group logistic and management difficulties, particularly affecting the Triangle. Nevertheless, the Group had started and indeed ended the year in a sound financial position. The website was still seeking assistance from a volunteer with social media experience, and now additionally someone to replace the website's departing news editor. Thanks were due to our outgoing website editor Dave Wilmore and to all the many people now involved in supporting the work of the Group. The meeting accepted the Chairman's report. The written report accompanies these minutes.
5. **Financial report:** The accounts for the year ending 31 October 2020 had been prepared by treasurer Caroline Edwards and had been independently examined by a local business person. Caroline presented a report on these accounts, which showed that, taken as a whole, it had been a year of financial stability. The Financial report (including summary account) was approved. It accompanies these minutes.
6. **The Triangle report:** Gill Baker presented the **Newsletter Editor's** report, on behalf of co-editor David Thornley and herself. She referred to the logistic difficulties of getting the April issue out, and the important role the editors felt the Triangle had in fostering community spirit during lockdown periods. She thanked subscribers and others involved. The report was accepted by the meeting and it accompanies these minutes. Jo Breckon gave the AGM a **Triangle distribution and advertising**

update. Thanks were especially due to deliverers, who had risen to the challenge of lockdown restrictions. Unfortunately, some advertisers had been lost, so new local advertisers are being sought. She expressed our gratitude for the continued support of many regular advertisers. Jo's update was accepted by the meeting and accompanies these minutes.

7. **Webmaster's report:** Richard Flint presented the Webmaster's report, covering the more technical aspects of the website. Viewing figures were well ahead of last year's total, reflecting the public's thirst for up-to-date, local information delivered online. Important technical upgrades to software and security had been made. The village website continues to repel the attacks most WordPress-powered websites suffer (a notable large-scale Russian attack occurring in October). Richard's report was accepted and accompanies these minutes.
8. **Election of officers and committee members:** As no other nominations were received, the officers were elected as follows:
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| Chairman: | Jon Boots |
| Treasurer: | Caroline Edwards |
| Newsletter Editor: | David Thornley |
| Webmaster: | Richard Flint |
| Secretary: | Jon Boots |

Gill Baker (Triangle co-editor) and Jo Breckon (Distribution and Advertising Manager) were re-elected as committee members.

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the formal meeting.

9. Open discussion

After the close of business there was general discussion. Among the topics raised were:

- Ways of encouraging more people to show an interest in contributing to our aims or indeed joining our team.
- Seeking local group leaders' help in identifying individuals who might volunteer to fill the website's new editor vacancy, or other roles.
- Pursuing the idea of a social media mini-team.

The team will follow up these ideas in the coming months.

Jon Boots

Chairman and Secretary,
Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group
29th November 2020