

SLINGSBY WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Slingsby Sports Club
Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7pm

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Gill Baker, Jon Boots, Jo Breckon, Maurag Carmichael, David Thornley (Committee members), along with members of the public Paul Hogarth, Adrian Haughton, Carol Thornley.
2. **Welcome and introduction:** Jon Boots (Chairman) welcomed all present to the 12th AGM of the Group, and outlined the order of business.
3. **Apologies** had been received from Ryan Perry and Richard Flint.
4. **Chairman's report:** The Chairman gave an overview of the Group's activities during the last year. With the pandemic years now behind us, the Group's activities had been able to continue largely as normal. Early in 2022 Maurag Carmichael had become our new Treasurer (replacing Caroline Edwards). While Ryan Perry had become fully embedded as a website editor (joining Jon Boots), Paul Hogarth indicated at this AGM that he would not be able to start assisting us until 2024. Thanks were due to everyone 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 2022 had been prepared by Treasurer Maurag Carmichael and had been independently examined by a local business person. Maurag presented a report on these accounts, which showed that, taken as a whole, our financial situation had continued to improve. This enabled us to take a decision to reduce the subscription price of the Triangle from £6 to £5 per year from 1st April 2023. The Financial report (including summary account) was approved. It accompanies these minutes.
6. **The Triangle report:** Jointly produced by co-editors Gill Baker and David Thornley, the **Newsletter Editor's** report outlined another successful year. The usual 6 issues included 2 bumper issues in colour, marking royal events. The full report was accepted by the meeting and it accompanies these minutes.
7. **Advertising and Triangle distribution:** Jo Breckon gave the AGM an update on this area. offer. Local businesses are welcome to take advantage. Online payment had proved quite popular among subscribers, as well as lightening the load of our valued delivery team. The number of our advertisers had remained

steady. Jo's report was accepted by the meeting and accompanies these minutes.

8. **Webmaster's report:** Richard Flint presented the Webmaster's report, covering performance statistics and the more technical aspects of the website. Viewing figures were broadly stable. Social media technical problems had been resolved. Important upgrades to software and security had been made. Richard's report was accepted and accompanies these minutes.
9. **Election of officers and committee members:** As no other nominations for officer posts were received, the officers were elected unanimously as follows:

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| Chairman: | Jon Boots |
| Treasurer: | Maurag Carmichael |
| Newsletter Editor: | David Thornley |
| Webmaster: | Richard Flint |
| Secretary: | Jon Boots |

Gill Baker (Triangle co-editor), Jo Breckon (Distribution and Advertising Manager) and Ryan Perry (website team) were elected as committee members.

9. Open discussion

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

- Encouraging further community engagement, esp. through major issues such as planning.
- Options for investment in both the Triangle and the website.
- Progressive handover and allocation of webmaster tasks.

The Group is already pursuing these ideas.

Jon Boots

Chairman and Secretary,
Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group
4th February 2023