

FOXTON SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Monday, 3rd April 2023 at 7.30pm at the Black Horse

Present: Adele Rogers (Chair), Debbie Billington (Treasurer), Carl Bedford, Richard Billington, Elizabeth Cockbill, Beth Garrard, Clive Garrard, David Hickie, Jayne Huxley, Mike Huxley and Gill Wollerton (Secretary).

1. **Apologies:** there were none.

2. **Minutes from the AGM held on the 2nd March 2022**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record...

3. **Matters arising**

There were none.

4. **Chair's report – Adele Rogers**

The Foxton Society exists solely for the benefit of residents of Foxton. The aims of the Society are to organise village events and improve our environment and so make the experience of living in Foxton even better!

We are divided into two groups:

1. Events
2. Environment

The Society also produces the Foxton Folio, delivered to all households four times per year. This August publication is for and about Foxton and tells us what's on and what the various societies and organisations in the village have been up to. I would like to thank David Hickie for his work as Editor and all the volunteers who deliver them to your doors.

You will hear reports from both these groups, so I won't steal their thunder.

All residents of Foxton are members of the Society and can be involved and all the officers on the committee are volunteers.

2022 was a much busier year for the Society, with a number of successful events and notable successes in improving our environment. The Environmental Group now works closely with the Parish Council, providing volunteers for the areas owned by the PC.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the committee and volunteers. These are people working quietly behind the scenes for us all.

We welcome anyone who would like to be on the committee, or who would like to volunteer to help at events or with our environmental projects.

Please come and talk to us, or you can contact me. You will be welcomed with open arms!

5. **Treasurer's report for the year ended 31.12.2022 – Debbie Billington**

The statement of accounts was circulated with the current account standing at £1,745.96, duly examined and certified by Bill Bray. Noted that no donations had been received for the Folio but agreed that these should be disregarded as crucial to its continued funding. BG asked whether the Foxton Society had raised as much funding in the year as anticipated? In most areas the budget had been underspent and although the Comedy Night was not in this financial year it was thought that this would make in the region of £800. The Treasurer did not feel it was necessary to

undertake any fundraising, except as a specific project. It was noted that the Treasurer was still to set the budget for the year ending 31.12.23 and was asked to keep a watchful eye on spend. It was proposed by Mike Huxley and seconded by Elizabeth Cockbill to accept the Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st December 2022.

6. Subcommittee reports

6.1 Environmental Subcommittee report appended to these minutes

It was noted that the Environmental subcommittee is working with the Foxton Parish Council where appropriate, which was much appreciated. Thanks were given to the huge amount of work that had been achieved by this small group and by the Explorers. It was agreed to change the title of Subcommittee to Group.

6.2 Social Subcommittee report appended to these minutes

Regarding the Children's Craft event it was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Eleanor Fenn.

ACTION: GW

7. Election of Officers

The following three Officer positions were elected unanimously:

7.1 Chair – Adele Rogers

7.2 Secretary – Gill Wollerton

7.3 Treasurer – Debbie Billington

7.4 Committee members up to 7

The following Committee members were elected unanimously: Beth Garrard, Richard Billington, Elizabeth Cockbill, David Hickie (co-opted), Jayne Huxley and Mike Huxley. Claire Bryers and Sarah Levy to be contacted to ascertain whether they wished to continue to serve on the Committee.

ACTION: GW to contact CB and SL

8. Foxton Folio report – David Hickie, Editor

The Folio followed the same format as previously and although it often now ran to more pages, David was reluctant to edit articles as they were all submitted by volunteers. It was noted that the Folio was sent to 10/12 former residents. Following discussion it was agreed to invite interest from advertisers (quarter page @ £5) via the Folio and the village Facebook in order to gauge whether there was sufficient interest to financially support a print of 12 pages, six times per year rather than the current four. It was also agreed that the format and paper colour should remain the same and alternate with the Church newsletter, should it be decided to increase the print run. It was noted that Kerry should be thanked for her continued support of the Folio and asked whether she would be willing to undertake further printing. Previously she had asked for the Foxton Society to make a donation to the Air Ambulance in lieu of any payment but this had not been done. Thanks were given to David.

ACTION: DH to report back to the FS on the response from advertisers

The AGM closed at 8.40pm.

