

**FRIENDS OF HOB MOOR**  
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**Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 7.30pm  
West Thorpe Methodist Church, West Thorpe, York**

**Present at AGM**

**Committee:** Simon Palmour (Chairperson), Michael Spencer (Treasurer), Sandra McCormick (Secretary), Madeline Evans, Peter Green, Ian Tomlinson, Elizabeth Tomlinson, John Wood, Pam Hanley.

**Members:** Gwen Berwick, Sue Cawood, Yvonne Swann, Heather Bray, Peter & Nancy Lidgett, Anne Paver, Malcolm & Margaret Hainsworth, F & M Weeden, Nan Sacki, Pauline Walker, R & A Gray, Patricia Palaeologina, Elizabeth Smith.

**COYC Ranger:** Jenny Cairns.

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming the members and thanking them for attending. He apologized for the absence of Bob Missin who was to do the Talk for the AGM.

**1. Apologies:** Shirley Jones, Martin & Val Buckman, Anne Green, David McCloy, Rosemary Anderton, John Dublin, Dinah & Mark Tyzka.

**2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**3. Presentation of the Annual Report**

The Chairperson presented the Annual Report for 2011-2012. The report outlined nine areas of work on which efforts had been concentrated over the course of the year:

- The website continues to develop with people downloading the new Hob Moor leaflet and Membership application form. Visitor numbers to the site increase year on year.
- Hob Moor has been entered into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme by the council. There is now money available for further improvements on Hob Moor.
- Together with Jenny Cairns, COYC Ranger, there has been a variety of walks and talks. Topics included birds, wild flowers and plants, a butterfly walk and Halloween walk. The number of children on these events has grown considerably.
- To improve facilities, additional dog bins have been put on the moor and together with the council are working towards installing information signs about Little Hob Moor.
- Practical work still continues with litter clearing and tree monitoring, updating the information boards and keeping checks on threats to the Moor.
- Liaison with a variety of COYC departments, the police, Environmental Agency and recently, the Drainage Board over issues involving the clearance of the beck. Jenny Cairns, the Council Ranger attends committee meetings and is our main point of contact.
- The Newsletter has been produced twice annually, with Madeline Evans continuing in the editorial role. Member feedback indicates that this continues to be one of the most valued activities of the organisation.
- Attendance at local events including Hob Moor Day and West Bank Park Fair.

#### **4. Presentation of the Accounts and determination of the annual subscription**

The Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2012 was presented by the Treasurer. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Simon Palmour, seconded by John Wood and carried.

It was agreed to retain the subscription at the current level of £2 for the forthcoming year, as recommended by the Management Committee, proposed by Simon Palmour, seconded by John Wood, and carried.

The Treasurer explained that because of the take up of Life Membership the expected reduction in subscriptions received had occurred and is probable that there will be a reduction year on year.

#### **5. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts**

The appointment of David Ward as independent examiner of accounts, proposed by Simon Palmour, seconded by Peter Green and carried.

#### **6. Election of Officers**

Simon Palmour stood down as Chairperson.

Peter Green was elected as Chairperson, proposed by Gwen Berwick, seconded by Patricia Palaeologina and carried

Michael Spencer stood down as Treasurer.

Richard Gray was elected as Treasurer, proposed by Ian Tomlinson, seconded by Pauline Walker and carried.

Sandra McCormick stood down as Secretary.

Pam Hanley was elected as Secretary, proposed by Elizabeth Tomlinson, seconded by Margaret Weeden and carried.

#### **7. Election of members of the Management Committee**

Madeline Evans remains for the second of her two years.

Ian Tomlinson, Elizabeth Tomlinson and John Wood were re-elected for a further two years, all three members proposed by Simon Palmour and seconded by Gwen Berwick.

#### **8. Any other Business**

On behalf of the members present, Peter Green thanked the retiring Management Committee for all their hard work and input over the years. He went on to highlight all that had been achieved since the formation of Friends of Hob Moor.

Refreshment was then served, giving members the opportunity to chat and discuss issues informally.

Before the formal part of the evening Simon Palmour, kindly offered to do the talk in the absence of Bob Missin. Simon gave an informative and illustrated talk on the variety of birds seen on Hob Moor and in his garden which borders Hob Moor.

AGM closed at 8.30pm