

## Minutes of the Glastonbury Antiquarian Society Annual General Meeting held on 8th November 2019

### 1 Announcements

The Chair advised the meeting that the next Society talk will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

### 2 Apologies for absence were received from Lady Gass, Dawn Bonham, Elizabeth Wallis Bishop, Beth Walker and Adam Stout.

### 3 Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd November 2018 were approved.

### 4 Matters arising

Under Item 6.2, Desmond Miller asked for an update on the Lake Village Field. The Chair reported that Richard Brunning (South West Heritage Trust) is happy about the present state of the preservation of the site.

### 5 Chairman's Report

**Public Meetings** During the past season there were seven public meetings of the Society at which lectures were given on antiquarian subjects, ranging from the antiquities of Syria to Glastonbury fiction. All were well attended and generated considerable interest.

**Field Trip** On Thursday 23rd May, Neill Bonham took a party of society members south. In the morning, they visited Sandford Orcas Manor and St. Nicholas Church. After a restorative lunch, North Cadbury Court and St. Michael's Church were inspected. The day was enjoyed by all present.

**Glastonbury Library** We are grateful for the continued use of the building for our meetings. The use of the Society's Library has continued this year and we are also grateful to those members who have assisted with access.

**The Tribunal and Lake Village Museum** As members are aware, the Tribunal has been closed this summer. English Heritage are currently updating the electrics and carrying out essential maintenance work to the fabric of the interior. Hopefully the new museum will open next year.

**Jack Stagg** Due to the closure of the Tribunal, the Society could not hold the 'Jack Stagg's Day' celebration this year. It is hoped that we will be able to do so next year.

**Constitution** The constitution has been updated and it will be presented for approval at the AGM. It replaces a constitution originally drawn up in 1966 and later revised over ten years ago.

**Website** Please do continue to make use of the Society's excellent website. It can be found at: <https://www.glastonburyantiquarians.org/site/>. New information about Glastonbury's past is continually being added by Neill, as are updates regarding forthcoming events. We are grateful to those GAS members who loan articles or images to be copied and added to the website for the benefit of all. If you have ideas about improving the website, please contact Neill Bonham at [neill@bonham.go-plus.net](mailto:neill@bonham.go-plus.net).

**Email** Please let us have any changes to your email address by emailing Neill Bonham at [neill@bonham.go-plus.net](mailto:neill@bonham.go-plus.net) with 'GAS' as the subject heading. If you do not use email, but

know someone who does and they would be kind enough to pass copies on to you, please ask him/her to email Neill.

Thanks I am, as ever, grateful to the officers, committee members and members of GAS for their contribution to the smooth running of the Society. I am especially grateful to those members who enhance our lecture programme with their enthusiasm, expertise and research. If you would like to propose a topic or present a talk yourself in a future lecture programme, please contact me at: tfhball@icloud.com. I would also be grateful for any feedback regarding how you think the society could be improved. I would like to extended special thanks to Neill for managing our website and organising the annual fieldtrip.

**Questions:** Paul Ashdown asked why the Tribunal and museum had been delayed for so long to which the Chair responded that English Heritage had created unforeseen delays with the renewal of the lease. Desmond Miller asked about the keys to the building: the Chair said that he holds one of the sets on behalf of the Society.

- 6 The Society Treasurer, Margaret Mary Archer presented accounts to 31st August 2019. She reported on the revaluation of the Lake Village field and said that the Society's accounts are in a healthy position. She reported that NatWest had given the Society compensation for delays in reassigning signatories and that the library collection is currently being valued. The accounts were accepted.
- 7 A new Constitution was presented by the Chair to the Society. This was to replace the 1966 constitution which had been last amended in 2007. It was approved nem con.
- 8 Election of Officers and Committee: agreement for the following proposed by Roger Parsons, seconded by Adrian Pearse. The following were elected nem con.

Chairman	Tim Hopkinson-Ball
Vice Chairman	Neill Bonham
Hon. Secretary	Mary Claridge
Hon. Treasurer	Margaret Mary Archer
Membership Secretary	Dawn Bonham
Committee	Adam Stout, Bill Wych, John Brunsdon, Chris Driver, Beth Walker, Desmond Miller, David Orchard and Denise Abbot.

- 9 There was no other business.

NB. Number of GAS members signed in: 35