



Stonehouse History Group  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> 2025  
7.30 pm at Park Junior School



Documents for the AGM had been sent to all members on our mailing list.

They are also available on our website <https://stonehousehistorygroup.org.uk/stonehouse-history-group-reports>

The Meeting began at 7.15 with light refreshments.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, which was attended by 49 members and 1 non-member.

### **Reports**

The **Minutes of the AGM, 8th May 2024** had been sent to all. John Peters proposed that the Minutes should be agreed as a true record, seconded by Phil Bischler, unanimously agreed by all members present. The **Annual Report 2024/25** was presented by the secretary who thanked the committee for their hard work during the previous year.

The **Treasurer's Report 2024/2543** was presented along with the **Accounts Balance Sheet 2023/24** (checked by Simon Lewis). Members present voted unanimously to accept the Annual Report, the Treasurer's Report and the Annual Accounts.

### **Election of officers and committee for 2025/26**

Committee 2024/25

Chairman – Alex Walmsley

Vice-Chair and Facebook Manager – Shirley Dicker

Secretary and Website Manager – Vicki Walker

Treasurer – Andrew Walker

Events Manager – Kate Quarry

Committee members: David Bowker-Praed, Linda Collazo, Jim Dickson, Janet Hudson,

The Chairman thanked the secretary and treasurer for their work throughout the year.

**The Committee** consists of a maximum number of 9 members, including officers, who must be re-elected annually. David died in September 2024. Lin Collazo did not wish to stand. Thanks were given to Lin for her five years service on the committee. All other members of the committee were willing to stand again. Therefore we have two spare places on the committee. Two nominations had been received – James Walmsley and Colin Matthews..

Following a proposal by Sue Burnham, seconded by Carolyn Wathan, the existing committee members and the two new nominees were elected en bloc.

### **Officers (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer)**

Alex Walmsley (Chair), Vicki Walker (Secretary) and Andrew Walker (Treasurer) are willing to stand again.

Following a proposal by Chris Hilton, seconded by Veronica Norman, the three officers were elected en bloc.

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There was no other business.

**followed by**

**Vicki Walker and Paul Dicker – Some History of the Post Office in Stonehouse**

**Unfortunately, due to technical issues, Phil Bischler was unable to give his talk on “20,000 decimillimetres under the canal”. He agreed to reschedule the talk for a future date.**