

CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ESSEX

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 1 October 2022 at 2.00 pm at Grange Barn, Coggeshall, Essex.

The Chairman welcomed members and outlined the code of conduct for the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence Michael Hand, Hazel Thornton, Wendy Heales, David Leslie, Margaret Leslie, Peter Hickling, Judith Radcliffe, Betty Copsey, Jenny Pennick, Ailsa Wilding, Rosalind Gunning, Margaret Smith, Mrs Atkin, Elizabeth Rose – Essex Rural Partnership, Brenda Jones, John Palombi, Jill Hinds, Rosemary Turner, John Bloxsome, Helen Bloxsome.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2021
The Minutes were available on the CPRE website and copies were available at the meeting. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM were proposed by David Knight and seconded by Richard Ward and was carried unanimously by a show of hands. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
3. To note the Report of the Chairman
The report of the Chairman was available on the CPRE Essex website and copies were available at the meeting. David outlined the main points of his report for the year as well as the future plans for CPRE Essex.
4. To note the reports of the Trustees and the Treasurer and the Independent Examiner
The Treasurer's report to the AGM and the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 were available on the CPRE Essex website and copies were available at the meeting. John Bloxsome was not able to attend the meeting, so David Knight gave a brief review of the reports and plans for the future for CPRE Essex.
5. Annual Accounts
The Accounts of CPRE Essex for the year to 31 March 2022, which were available on the CPRE Essex website and copies were available at the meeting, were noted.
A resolution to approve the Accounts was proposed by Richard Ward and seconded by David Knight and was passed unanimously.

6 Re-election of Members of the Executive Committee

It was noted that the following members of the Executive Committee retire from office, in accordance with the Constitution of CPRE Essex, and to re-elect the following who offer themselves for re-appointment:

David Knight
John Bloxsome
Jill Hinds
Richard Ward
Richard Haynes

The motion was proposed by Martin Foley and seconded by Anne Bartleet. The motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Tricia Moxey and Petra Ward have agreed to be elected as members of the Executive committee – the motion was proposed by Robert Erith and seconded by David Green.

The motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

In accordance with the constitution, having served CPRE Essex for six years, with such enthusiasm and dignity, John Palombi will retire from office.

After many years of dedicated service, Mrs Rosemary Turner and Mr Bertram Rope have made the decision to retire. Rosemary and Bertie's valuable contributions over many years of service was acknowledged and their resignations accepted with regret.

At this point, Mrs Jennifer Tollhurst, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, took over as Chairman of the meeting.

7 Election of Chairman of CPRE Essex

It was noted that David Knight was willing to stand for re-election as Chairman, having been nominated by the Executive committee in accordance with Article 43. A motion for the re-election of David Knight as Chairman was proposed by Petra Ward and seconded by Robert Erith. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was noted that a formal Vice Chairperson will not be elected, but other Trustees will be called upon as required.

8 Election of Treasurer of CPRE Essex

It was noted that John Bloxsome is willing to stand for election as Treasurer for the coming year. A resolution to elect John as Treasurer was proposed by David Knight and seconded by Richard Ward and was carried unanimously.

David Knight then resumed the chair.

9 Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was noted that Janet Stobart FRCA is willing to continue in the role of Independent Examiner. A resolution to re-elect Janet Stobart was proposed by Petra Ward and seconded by Anne Bartleet and was carried unanimously.

10 Re-Election and Election of Honorary Officers of the Branch

It was noted that the current Honorary Officers of the Branch are willing to be re-elected.

A motion to re-elect Jennifer Tolhurst, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, as President was proposed by David Knight and seconded by Robert Erith and was carried unanimously.

A motion to re-elect the following as Vice Presidents of CPRE Essex:

Ann Bartleet
George Courtauld
Simon Hall
Tricia Moxey

was proposed by Christine Knight and seconded by Richard Ward and carried unanimously.

The resignation of Patricia Herman and Robert Erith, who have served CPRE Essex for many years with enthusiasm and dignity as Vice Presidents, was accepted with regret and their contribution to CPRE Essex was acknowledged.

11. Any Other Business None

12. Presentation At the conclusion of the meeting a talk was given by Robert Erith on the topic of Conservation. Robert talked about the momentous changes in farming, population and landscape which has taken place in the decades since World War 2 up to and including Brexit and the effects on his own farm.

Robert talked about the Dedham Vale Society, which was founded in 1938, including the history and role of the society. The Dedham Vale Society has 900 members and is affiliated to CPRE.

13. Essex Way Photo Competition

2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the Essex Way, which was created in 1972 and runs from Epping to Harwich with a central point very close to Coggeshall. A photo competition was set up to commemorate the occasion. The prizes for the three sections were announced.

14. Tree Planting

The National Trust, who own the Barn, plan to plant an orchard of Essex apple varieties to commemorate the Essex Way. The scheme will form part of the late Elizabeth II's "Queen's Green Canopy" scheme that was established as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022. A tree was planted by Mrs Tollhurst, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, to mark the occasion.