

## **MINUTES OF THE AGM 9<sup>th</sup> April ,2019**

1. Apologies: Chris Hulbert, Joan Smithies, Nancy Aldridge, Ann Aldridge, Jean Simpson.
2. Minutes: - Were agreed, proposed by Christine Lawson and seconded by Sue Graves
3. Matters Arising: - None.
4. Treasurer's Report: - Once again the Society has returned to making a profit (£193) after our small loss in the previous year (£42). There is a healthy balance in the 2 bank accounts which again helps us to be able to subsidise the indoor meetings (-£782) and the coach trip (-£279) both of which make a loss. The indoor meetings attendance tends to be around 35 members while visitor numbers vary but Pat's advance notices and write ups to the local paper have been attracting more visitors recently. The £1 nominal fee to become a member of the Rutland Group of the HPS will allow us to make clearer those who are entitled to the subsidy for the trip which after all is paid from moneys your regular support has provided. The plant fair made a profit again with more stall holders, larger number of visitors and our stall selling plants donated by members. (£184 – plants) We again gave Mrs Pettifer a donation this year of £150 which is more than usual as her refreshment income was down. As we don't have to pay her any rent for the use of her grounds, I feel it is a small price to pay. Amount of £350 paid in and then out is for the hotel deposits for the 4-day trip. This year we have changed bank accounts from the Nat West to the HSBC and now have the facility for Internet Banking. If anyone is interested in paying for trips this way please let me know. Ken Barber was again able to act as Independent Auditor and has stated that he is happy to continue if you so wish.
5. Re-appointment of Independent Examiner. Ken Barber was willing to continue for another year. Proposed by Janet Rowe and seconded by Sue Graves
6. Chairman's Report: - Gill Reported that the past year had been both successful and eventful. The Plant Sale which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> May was well attended and boosted our funds. Our members plant stall was well supported and the sunny weather brought out the crowds. Thank you to anyone that helped in any way, plans for this year's Fair are in hand and it is hoped that we can count on members support for this important event. During the year we have had a number of interesting lectures, and evening visit to Prebendal House and a Day trip to Lincolnshire. Our holiday in Somerset in July was much enjoyed by all. One of the highlights was visiting Special Plants and included a tour of Derry Watkins lovely garden. Thank you to Pat Woolston and Janet Rowe for organising the holiday and day trip and to Mary Nourish for organising the evening visit.
7. Election of Officers: - Chairman Gill Hadland Proposed by Pat Woolston and seconded by Jeremy Godbolt, Treasurer Mary Nourish Proposed by Steve Pole and seconded by John Hudson. Secretary Anne Godbolt proposed by John Dyson and seconded by Jo Porter.
8. Election of committee Members: - (Sue Graves, John Dyson, Steve Pole Jeremy Godbolt) Proposed by Henry Woolston and Seconded by John Hudson.
9. A.O.B.
  1. Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020.