

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Shenfield Parish Hall, Shenfield, 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st November 2022

Present:

1. **Apologies for absence** – John Ratford, Paul Roberts, Linda Powell.
2. **Approval of minutes of AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The minutes were circulated to the membership and approved at the meeting.

3. **Annual Report by Chairman, Ian Mercer.**

Copies of the Annual Report written by the Chairman had been sent to members by email and were distributed at the meeting. They were taken as read. There were no comments or questions. The report was then unanimously received by those present. A copy has been sent to the Geologists' Association for inclusion in their Annual Report, as ERMS is a GA Affiliated Group

4. **Financial Report**

Copies of the approved accounts were circulated. The Treasurer said that the Society was in a very healthy position, despite Show income being reduced in previous years. This enables the membership subscription to be kept low, but it was agreed to raise it to £17 for the forthcoming year to cover anticipated rises in costs, especially of hall hire. It was also suggested that the guest fee for both Talks and Field Visits be raised to £5 with the opportunity to offset this against membership if this was taken up. The accounts and the fee increases were agreed unanimously.

5. **Amendments to the Constitution:** None proposed, although it was proposed that the 2023 AGM be held by Zoom to enable a greater number of members to participate.
6. **Election of Officers:**

**Chairman:** Ian Mercer (He gave notice that he would not be standing for re-election at the next AGM)

**Vice Chairman:** Jeff Saward

**Secretary:** Ros Mercer

**Treasurer:** Alistair Rickards

7. **Election of Committee members:**

Membership Secretary: Mark Matthews

Meetings Secretary: Ginny Hall

Field Visits Secretary: Linda Powell

Stanway Membership: Brian & Kay Gordon

Stanway meetings organiser: Paul Roberts

Ordinary member: Sylvia Cousins

**8. Appointment of Accounts Examiner:**

Mark Watson who had examined this year's accounts was proposed by Alistair Rickards and all were in favour.

**9. Suggestions from Members:**

Billie Bond suggested that ERMS should have an Instagram account. She would be put in touch with Helen Vickers who runs the Facebook page.

Show plans are in hand for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Help will be needed on the day.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm to be followed by a talk**