

# ESSEX ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting by Zoom, 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November 2023

**Present:** 31 people were online

- 1. Apologies for absence** – John Ratford, Ginny Hall, Jonathan Spencer, Tony Redman, Jeff Saward, Yvonne Kyndt, Dennis & Anne Kell, Peter Allen, David Bain, Trevor Johnson.
- 2. Approval of minutes of AGM held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**  
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. More could be spent in future on IT provision and expansion of the library.
- 5. Amendments to the Constitution:** None proposed.
- 6. Election of Officers:**
  - Chairman:** vacant
  - Vice Chairman:** Mark Matthews
  - Secretary:** Ros Mercer
  - Treasurer:** Alistair Rickards
- 7. Election of Committee members:**  
Jeff Saward, Ginny Hall, Paul Roberts, Jonathan Spencer, Jan Dunford, Ian Mercer.  
There are still 2 places available. A membership rep for Stanway is required and a publicity person is desirable.
- 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:**  
Jan drew attention to the new 'What's On' page of the website which can be referred to in the more chatty newsletters sent by Ros.  
Show plans are in hand for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Much help will be needed on the day, especially in view of the indisposition of Jeff.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm to be followed by a talk.**