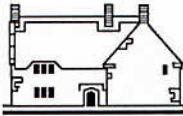


Somerset Vernacular Building Research Group

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Minutes of the AGM of 18th November 2015 held at The Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon.

Apologies: Clare & David Austin, Mike Haycraft, Barry Lane, Steve Mason, John & Pamela McCann, Susan Shaw.

Present: Helen Aldhous, David Brett, Mary Chisholm, John Clarke, Caroline Davies, Fergus Dowding, Mary Ewing, Mike Gray, Sarah Headlam, Michelle Hilborne, Ed & Anette Lorch, Alyce & Martin Merry, John Rickard, Denny & Mike Robbins, Angie Robertson, James Roberts, William Salmon, David Shears, Dave Taylor, Paddy Thompson, Paul Upton, Adrian Wills.
Guests: Joanna Wall, Alan Court.

The Minutes of the 2014 AGM: These were agreed and adopted.
Proposed Ed Lorch, seconded David Brett.

Chairman's Report:

The Trent book is near completion and publication is eagerly anticipated. John Dallimore is no longer actively involved with SVBRG but, as Life Members, we will continue to keep both he and Joan up to date with the work of the Group and our programme of meetings; his survey files have been deposited at the Somerset Record Office .

Membership remains stable with a south Somerset bias and we have had an interesting year of presentations and visits. Reports from surveys improve annually. This improvement is also noted in our website and newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Account : £1049.71
Deposit Account: £7113.31
Total at 30.9.2015 £8163.02

Income: Subscriptions
Donations
Book sales - £900+

Expenditure: Meeting expenses
Website expenses

Cash surplus: £1000 has been returned to the deposit account .

The amount in the accounts was again queried and the response the same - dating procedures and set-up cost for publication need money.

Survey Co-ordinator's Report

13 houses were surveyed, some as part of a possible 'community study'; 5 at Rodney Stoke and 2 adding to those already surveyed in South Petherton.

John advised that two more reports are now completed and a further two properties will be surveyed this year.

Librarian's Report:

Some £150 has been received from sales of our 'village study' books; most of those through Group activities or by word of mouth but some through Amazon and our two village shop outlets.. £2,000 is tied up in books previously published in this series all published when the best deal was to print large numbers of copies. The latest publication, the Winscombe book, has only 6 remaining from a 100 copy print run.

Election of Officers and Committee:

No one expressed an interest in joining the committee. As all the committee was prepared to stand again in their present roles they were all re-elected.

Proposed by Sarah Headlam, seconded by Mike Robbins.

The Committee for 2015 - 16:

Tony Beresford, Chairman & Archivist
Denny Robbins, Secretary
Caroline Davies, Treasurer
John Rickard, Survey Co-ordinator
Fergus Dowding, Librarian
William Salmon, Programme organizer
Barry Lane, Newsletter compiler
Mike Haycraft

Appointment of an Auditor

Mike Robbins agreed to undertake this role for 2016.

Proposed John Rickard, seconded John Clarke.

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Programme: William appealed for names of speakers & subjects of interest..

Book income: SVBRG published a book, written by John & Pamela McCann, on historical Somerset Dovecotes. They bore the costs and

risks of publishing the book and agreed that they would pay 25% of the profit from that publication to SVBRG. A cheque was handed to the Treasurer tonight and will be detailed in the Treasurer's Report 2016..

Date of the next AGM: 16th November 2016

Denny Robbins, November 19th 2015.