

# ***THE FRIENDS of SADDLEWORTH ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST***

Patron – R J R Tanner M.B.E.

Minutes of the 5th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on at The Masonic Hall,  
Uppermill on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2010

**PRESENT:** D Chadderton, Chairman, K Booth, Treasurer, E Howarth, Hon. Secretary, Committee Members David Lomax and Phil Barrett, and 23 members and guests.

## **1) Introduction**

The original 5<sup>th</sup> AGM was to be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 but because of a heavy fall of snow during the day the meeting had to be cancelled. The Committee decided to hold a shortened AGM before the start of the lecture booked for February 16<sup>th</sup> and these are the minutes of that meeting.

Notice of the AGM with details of all the lectures to be held in 2010 had been sent to all to members in January.

## **2) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and the Chairman's report**

David Chadderton welcomed members present and then said the copies of the last AGM meeting's minutes held at the Masonic Hall, Uppermill on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and the Chairman's report for the year 2009 had been placed on chairs before the meeting started. He asked, in view of the limited time, if the members present would allow both items to be "taken as read" and if the main business of the meeting could be condensed to two items. He also asked if any matters arising could be dealt with later. He asked for a show of hands in favour, and this was agreed.

## **3) Treasurer's Report**

Mr Booth, Hon. Treasurer, had circulated his report in January and further copies had been provided for this meeting. He said the Friends' accounts showed a small profit. There had been expenditure on the purchase of the Digital Projector and the lecturers' fees had been held to a reasonable level. In others only travelling expenses had been asked for. Members' donations had also helped.

In response to Mr Booth's asking for "any questions", Mrs McCann queried the differences in the Chairman's and the Treasurer's reports between the costs of the digital projector, the laptop and the spare bulb.

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Mr Booth said that as the grant from the Saddleworth and Lees Committee had not covered the whole amount we had asked for, the total costs had to be split between the Friends of the Trust with the main Trust making up the difference, and only part of the total costs appeared in the figures being considered today.

It was proposed by David Harrison and seconded by Sonia Allen that the accounts be accepted, and all members voted in favour.

Mr Booth said that because of the small profit he was not going to ask for an increase in membership fees for 2010 and we did not need to consider change in subscriptions as a further item

#### **4) Election of Officers**

The Chairman said that in the recent Newsletter, comment had been made about changes that were needed in the committee to help and even out the workload. Mr Booth was going to hand over the Treasurer's duties to David Lomax and Phil Barrett had agreed to write the Newsletters in addition to being our Webmaster. The following had indicated they were willing to stand for election:

**Chairman: David Chadderton**

**Ken Booth: Vice Chairman**

**Secretary: Edith Howarth**

**Treasurer : David Lomax:**

**Phil Barrett: Web Master and Newsletter writer.**

Mr John Cleverley proposed that these members be elected *en bloc*, Mr David Harrison seconded the proposal and all members voted in favour.

Mr Booth said we also needed some new committee members and he asked if there were any volunteers. Sonia Allen and Marolyn Colley then said they would both be prepared to come and join the committee and help whenever they could. This offer was welcomed by all present.

#### **5) Any Other Business**

As no further matters were raised, the Chairman then thanked the members and guests and closed the meeting at 8-14 pm.

*David Chadderton/Edith Howarth, File: DC1503 21/02/20 10*