

Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Rustics of the Old Kiln Museum held on Sunday 19th March 2017 at the Rural Life Centre.

1. **Welcome** and apologies: John Larke took the Chair and welcomed 37 members.
Apologies from: Jenny Williams, Margaret & Geoff Hooker, Phyllis Reeves, Harvey & Rosemary Williams.
2. **Minutes** of the AGM meeting held on 13th March 2016 agreed and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Chairman's Report:** (tabled): Chairman thanked everyone for their support over the past year but sadly Norman & Margaret Emblow have retired from running Santa & Bob & Jackie Dalley have given up the "lead" on Rustic Sunday. Replacements are urgently needed as these are our major fund raisers every year. Due to the reorganisation of the admissions structure and the advent of Annual passes it has become necessary once again to revise The Rustics' Constitution. The number of volunteers has continued to grow and now number over 200. The Rustics Web site has been improved and will be updated regularly. Proposed by M Hewins, seconded by S.Lewis Jones & agreed by all that the Report be accepted.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (tabled) Rosemary Mortimer reported that although the accounts showed a high balance at the end of the year, approx. £6400 had already been allocated for various projects and £500 still kept in reserve. Rod Dengate expressed thanks to Jenny for a record amount raised at Car boots. He also asked how much profit had been made on Rustic Sunday and at Santa Specials. AS these funds go straight to the Museum they do not appear in the Rustics Accounts. However the approx. sum for Rustic Sunday was £7500 and Santa in the region of £12000, shared with Railway. It was requested these figures be made available to the Rustics in future. Proposed by Pam Kinge, seconded by Suzan Lewis Jones and agreed by all that the Accounts & Report be accepted.
6. **Election of Officers:** Chris Shephard took the Chair for the election of the Chairman and John Larke was elected unopposed. Nominations received for Vice Chairman: Pam Taylor, Secretary Sylvia McQuire and Treasurer Rosemary Mortimer. All agreed they be elected.
7. **Election of Committee:** 1 vacancy: nomination received for Nigel Parcell. All agreed he be elected for 3 years.
8. **Appointment of Examiner:** John Davis was reappointed (subject to his agreement). Family ticket given as a "thank you".
9. **Resolution to amend the Constitution:** Proposed by John Larke, seconded by Pam Taylor.
 - a) To change the name from Rustics to Rustic Volunteers (to differentiate Rustics from Annual Pass Holders)
 - b) To delete *receive* and substitute *to be made available* where required in order to be up to date with modern methods of communication.
 - c) Other minor ((grammatical) amendments. It was proposed John Larke, seconded by Judy Hewins and agreed by a majority vote to accept the Resolution. Copies of the revised Constitution will be available to all Rustics Volunteers via the website.
10. **Program of events for 2017:** updated program available shortly. New for this year – Vintage Festival in September, Monthly talks/Vintage films and musical evenings.
11. **AOB:** Rustics Volunteers Social Events: 20th April Hatched, Matched & Despatched tickets now available. September (date TBA) Weis Rogalski – Polish in UK post WW2. Day trip in May possibly to Oxford. Holiday in July to Runcorn, Cheshire. Although not Rustics events thanks expressed to Judy Hewins and her band of volunteers who raised over £10,500 for Museum funds from School Visits throughout the year. Pam Taylor has offered to organise Santa Specials, with help but urgently need lead person for Rustic Sunday. If we cannot get Volunteers to run these events we need to look at how we raise funds in the future. Concern expressed at lack of publicity material, especially small handouts.
12. **Date of next AGM** 18th March 2018.
Chairman thanked everyone for attending.