

**Minutes of the CPRE Bedfordshire 35th Annual General Meeting for 2021
Held on Thursday 21st April, 7:30 pm at Flitwick Village Hall, Flitwick, Beds.**

Attendees: 38 Members. 9 Guests

Introduction and welcome

Martin Christopher (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies for absence - Paul Jenkins, Pam Rumfit, Peter Scott, Michael Brooks, Thurstan Adburgham

1. Minutes for the 34th Annual General Meeting of CPRE Bedfordshire held on 7th October 2021

These had been circulated for all to view. Approval proposed by John English and seconded by Barry Halton. The minutes were then accepted by the meeting as a true record and signed by the Chair.

2. Matters arising. There were no matter arising.

3. Trustees Report

Martin Christopher talked about the success of the Living Countryside Awards in 2021 and the engagement with groups has continued. As a result, CPRE Bedfordshire are running a wildflower workshop as this had been requested by several groups. There was an increase in work with Local Action Groups and supporting parishes and community groups to campaign against harmful developments. Martin thanked the planning team for all their hard work. He also thanked Shelly Dennison for all her work developing the website and social media.

The need for CPRE Bedfordshire continued to grow as Bedfordshire is faced with more housing developments and threats to the countryside.

4. Statement of Accounts to 31 December 2021 and Treasurers Report

The audited accounts had been circulated.

Juliet Ware (Treasurer) highlighted that it had been a stable year with total income of £26,099 which was down the previous year due to covid making fundraising more difficult. A grant of £10,000 from The Wixamtree Trust were all gratefully received. Branch shares of the membership income also account for a good proportion of the income. £20,460 was carried forward to 2022 and future expenditure had been reduced by moving to a smaller office and gave a saving of £2000.

Approval of the Trustees Report and accounts. Proposed by Gerry Sansom and seconded by Barry Halton. The meeting then approved the Trustees Report and accounts.

5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee for 2022 -2023.

Martin Christopher offered himself for re-election as Chair:

The following offered themselves for re-election as members of the Executive Committee

Juliet Ware (Treasurer)
Paul Jenkins (Vice Chairman)
John English
Susan Lynch
Fred Motson

It was proposed by Gerry Sansom and seconded by Barry Halton that all appointments are approved by block vote carried by the meeting.

Mary Walsh stood down as a Trustee after 7 years in the role and was thanked for all her hard work.

6. Any other business. There was no other business.

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed following approval as a true record :Chair, CPRE Bedfordshire

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