

**Minutes of the CPRE Bedfordshire (Reg. Charity 1023435)  
37th Annual General Meeting for 2023  
Held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 7pm**

The Reading Room, Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, MK43 0XE

Attendees: 21 Members. 5 Guests

**Introduction and welcome**

Martin Christopher (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Apologies for absence – Trustees - Fred Motson & Paul Jenkins**

1. **Minutes for the 36th Annual General Meeting of CPRE Bedfordshire held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
These had been circulated for all to view. The minutes were then accepted by the meeting as a true record and signed by the Chair.

2. **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising.

**3. Annual Report**

Martin Christopher talked about the transfer from a Registered Charity to a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and how delays with setting up the new bank accounts were delaying the process. Hence the need for 2 AGMS. 2023 saw the prestigious CPRE Bedfordshire Living Countryside Awards with over 1600 votes cast by the people of Bedfordshire. The Friends of Windsor Drive Open Space won the Bedfordshire Choice Award and Warden Abbey Vineyard won the Made in Bedfordshire Award. For further details please see the following link:-  
<https://www.cprebeds.org.uk/discover/2023-living-countryside-awards-the-results/>

**4. Statement of Accounts to 31 December 2023 and Treasurers Report**

The audited accounts had been circulated.

Gabriella Davies (Treasurer) presented the statement of accounts which has been independently verified. The accounts were stable with a slight deficit due to a lower than expected income in 2023. However, funding levels are improving and 2024 is expected to be a more stable year.

Approval of the Trustees Report and accounts. Proposed by Gabriella Davise and seconded by Martin Christopher. The meeting then approved the Trustees Report and accounts.

**5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee for 2024-2025.**

Martin Christopher (Chair)  
Paul Jenkins (Vice Chair)  
Gabriella Davies (Treasurer)  
Colin Haine (Secretary)  
John English  
Fred Motson  
George Karaiskou  
Simon Gratham

It was proposed and seconded that all appointments were approved en-block and the vote carried by the meeting.

**The Registered Charity AGM closed at 7:20pm.**

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

The meeting was followed by a presentation on *Hedgerows and their management* by our guest speaker Paul Blissett. His website can be found at the following address:

<https://hedgelayer.co.uk/index.php/articles/hedgelaying-introduction>