

FROME THIRD AGE

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting – 12th January 2018 - Assembly Rooms – 1400

1. **WELCOME:** Cliff Howard as Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mo Wood, Jean Bryer, Coral Jones
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:** Proposed by Tony Bearman and agreed by a show of hands.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Cliff considered that we had had another successful year with one or two challenges. He thanked the Committee for the support given during his two year tenure as Chair and also offered his thanks to the Group Co-ordinators for their work and commitment.

Cliff expressed a certain disappointment that there had been no new groups formed. He had received some suggestions but volunteers were required to 'step up' and act as co-ordinators. He hoped that there might be some inspiration in the future and anyone ready to take on a group should speak to a member of the committee.

In handing over his responsibilities to Veronica Parker who is becoming Chair, Cliff told us that he would continue to come and enjoy the monthly meetings and carry on co-ordinating the Science/Technology and Digital Photography groups.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Brian Harris presented the audited accounts for the year ending December 2017. As Brian is standing down as Treasurer, we presented him with a small gift with thanks from the Committee and members for his many devoted years looking after our accounts.
7. **SPEAKER SECRETARY'S REPORT:** In Jean's absence Cliff passed on her thanks to those who had suggested speakers and she hoped members had enjoyed the variety throughout the year. It had been necessary to juggle a little with dates so in consequence those published in the Newsletter were not always accurate.
8. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** At the end of 2016 the membership had been 179 and this year it was 166, so numbers were down a little. Felicity requested members to let her know if any of their details changed, eg a new address, phone number or email address. Felicity also reminded us that the annual subscriptions were now due and cheques were preferred.
9. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** At this point Cliff handed over the Chair to Veronica.

New Vice Chair - Janet Cooke – was proposed, seconded and voted in by a show of hands

New Treasurer – Marian Reeves – was proposed, seconded and voted in by a show of hands.

The remaining committee members were willing to continue in office:

Secretary – Ursula Smallman

Speaker Secretary – Jean Bryer

Membership Secretary – Felicity Jones

There were no new nominations for these posts.

Veronica then greeted the meeting as Chair, thanking Cliff for his hard work and enthusiasm over the past two years. Veronica also thanked Tony Bearman for auditing our accounts and he agreed to continue as auditor.

As we do not have a speaker in August Veronica asked members to consider ideas for the afternoon's 'entertainment'. Should there be a meeting at all?

10. **GROUP NEWS:** Various announcements were made regarding forthcoming events.

The meeting closed and members then took part in the annual quiz.