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## **The 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Berkshire Local History Association**

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 14:00**  
**Held Online due to Covid-19 situation**

Those present: Joan Dils (President), David Cliffe (Chairman), Jo Alexander-Jones, David Lewis, Dave Osborne, Margaret Simons and Ann Smith (committee members), and six other members.

Apologies: John Chapman (Newsletter Editor) and David Edmunds.

1. Welcome by President Joan Dils. David Cliffe thanked those who had joined the meeting and said that under the constitution, if there were fewer than 20 members present at an Annual General Meeting, the meeting could proceed with the general business, but could not consider any special business. Since we had no special business on the agenda, the meeting could go ahead.
2. The 2019 AGM minutes were circulated to members in advance and taken as read. No AGM was held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 situation.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. The reports from the Treasurer (2019 and 2020) had been provided to members in advance. David Lewis was able to confirm that Clive Burgess was willing to continue as auditor. Peter Delaney asked about the £75 subscription to the British Association for Local History and was satisfied with the explanation given on the benefits which include insurance cover that could not be got at a better rate from other sources. Dave Osborne proposed accepting the reports, seconded by Margaret Simons and the meeting agreed them.
5. Journal Editor's report had been provided to members in advance and was agreed.
6. Newsletter Editor's report had been provided to members in advance and was agreed. David Cliffe offered congratulations on the timeliness of the newsletter's production.
7. Membership Secretary's report had been provided to members in advance and was agreed. Despite some libraries and Museums not having renewed subscriptions it was explained that they still received electronic copies of publications to share on their websites to align to the Associations objective of promoting the advancement of public education through the study of local history in the County.

8. Web designer's report had been provided to members in advance and was agreed. In response to the report's statement that the Journal has been made available on the website, several members said they appreciated now being able to read the whole text of the back numbers. Catherine Sampson asked about plans to revisit the speakers list that had been removed from the website due to it being out of date. It was agreed to discuss a replacement at the next Committee Meeting.
9. Chairman's report had been provided to members in advance and was agreed. Jo Alexander-Jones offered congratulations to David on having steered the Association through what has been a difficult time.
10. Election of the President: Joan Dils was proposed by Vicki Chesterman, seconded by Peter Delaney and elected by the meeting.
11. Election of the Vice-President: Ted Collins was proposed by Catherine Sampson, seconded by Ann Smith and elected by the meeting.
12. Election of Officers: David Cliffe as Chairman, David Lewis as Treasurer and Jo Alexander-Jones as Secretary were proposed by Margaret Simons, seconded by Vicki Chesterman and elected by the meeting.
13. Election of Members of the Executive Committee: Jonathan Brown, John Chapman, Elias Kupfermann, Dave Osborne, Margaret Simons and Ann Smith were proposed by Joan Dils, seconded by Catherine Sampson and elected by the meeting.
14. Election of the Honorary Examiner of Accounts: Clive Burgess was proposed as auditor by Dave Osbourne, seconded by Margaret Simons and elected by the meeting.
15. Any Other Business: David Cliffe said that the next AGM was planned for 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Eton Wick and would include a visit to Dorney Court.