

**Huntingdonshire Local History Society**  
**59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 26th May 2016**  
**in the Town Hall, Huntingdon**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Bridget Flanagan (in her absence the Minutes of the meeting were taken by Caroline Clifford), Chris Leigh, Beryl Durant, Jennifer Liddell, Di Raishbrooke, Sarah Russell & Vicki Harley.

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting:**

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were signed as correct by the Chairman.

**3. Matters arising – not otherwise on the Agenda: None**

**4. Membership Secretary's Report**

Jean Burbidge thanked David Smith and Val Halliday for their assistance with HLHS matters during the last illness of her husband, Peter. She also thanked Beryl and Rosemary for providing tea and coffee at meetings which makes them a much more social occasion. She reported that, in the absence of any marketing budget, Google and Facebook are helping to raise the profile of the Society.

**5. Excursions Report**

David Cozens gave a report on the successful May weekend and the summer excursions.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

David Smith presented his report, copies of which were circulated to members. The audited Annual accounts were available to members also. He reported on the continuing sound financial position of the Society.

**7. The Goodliff Bequest**

Kate Hadley reported a record number of applications (19), of which 12 were successful. The successful applicants were:

**Dr Evelyn Lord** for the publication of the Huntingdonshire Hearth Tax Returns for 1667 and 1674.

**The Porch Museum, Godmanchester** for new display cabinets

**Martyn Smith** for display boards for his Hunts Cyclist project

**The Norris Museum** for cataloguing the Marshall Sisson Archive

**The Civic Society of St Ives** to replace a Victorian wall-mounted street lamp in the town.

**Diana Boston** to publish a history of Hemingford Grey Manor House

**Kevin Clements** for a 'History of Cricket in Huntingdonshire' from 1741.

**Covington History Group** for a booklet on the 'History of Covington School'.

**Sawtry History Group** to expand research in to Sawtry Abbey

**Ramsey Rural Museum** to provide audio visual displays.



**The Friends of Hinchbrooke House** for a 'Book of Essays on Hinchbrooke House'

**John Jolly** for the publication of a booklet on the construction of Alconbury Airfield

**Rev Steve Day** for research into stained glass in Huntingdonshire.

Simon Thurley, the Society's President, will present the Awards at the November meeting.

Applications for awards for 2017 are invited by 28th February 2017.

### 8. Editor's Report

Philip Saunders apologised for the continued delay with publishing the next issue of *Records of Huntingdonshire*, last published in 2014, due to demands of work and family. He expected it to be ready for the Autumn. He was happy to relinquish the duty if there was someone else willing to take it on.

### 9. The Chairman's Address

Philip reiterated the thanks given by Jean in her report. He also thanked Di for looking after the publications, David Smith for his mastery of the society's finances, and Rosemary and David Smith and Angela White-Horan for organising the May weekend, David Cozens for overseeing excursion organisation, and all members of the committee for ensuring the smooth running of the Society.

### 10. Election of Officers and members of the Committee

<u>Officers</u>	Chairman	Philip Saunders (also Editor)	
	Vice-chairman	David Cozens	
	Secretary	Vacancy	
	Assistant Secretary	Jean Burbidge	
	(Membership)		
	Assistant Secretary (Minutes)	Bridget Flanagan	
	Treasurer	David Smith (also Webmaster)	

<u>Ordinary Members</u>	Alan Butler	Val Halliday*	Diane Raishbrooke
	Richard Cook	Pat Jones	(Exhibitions)
	Kate Hadley	Jennifer Liddell	Rosemary Smith
			Christopher Vane-Percy

#### Representatives of Organisations

Norris Museum Mick Napier  
Huntingdonshire Archives & Local Studies Caroline Clifford  
Cromwell Museum vacancy

David Smith took the Chair. On behalf of the Society, he warmly thanked Philip for his dedication and work for the Society during the last year.

David Smith proposed and everyone else seconded Philip Saunders as Chairman. There were no other nominations. Philip was elected chairman for 2016-17 and resumed the Chair.



The chairman asked if the existing Officers were willing to continue to serve for 2016-17 and, with their agreement, Tony Barraclough proposed, Angela White Horan seconded that they be re-elected en bloc. This was agreed. He asked if there was anyone willing to fill the vacancy of Secretary – nobody was.

Val Halliday had retired from the committee. Philip thanked her for her work as a committee member, past treasurer and 'gift aid' expert. Philip Saunders proposed, and David Smith seconded that the Ordinary members of the committee be re-elected en bloc; this was agreed. David Bowers was proposed (as above) as a new member of the committee and was duly elected.

It was agreed that the Norris Museum, Huntingdonshire Archives & Local Studies (which will now be two separate bodies) and the Cromwell Museum be invited to nominate representatives to the committee. It was agreed that St Neots Museum should also be invited to send a representative to the committee. It was suggested that these organisations should be encouraged to take out membership of the Society.

#### **11. Election of a person qualified to inspect the Accounts**

Kathy Ray had been nominated by the committee to inspect the accounts. Philip Saunders proposed and Janice Beale seconded that this nomination be approved. This was agreed.

#### **12. Any Other Business. None**

Philip then gave a presentation on the Society's 2016 Excursions Programme. The booking form for the excursions will be included with the Almanack and is available on the website.

This was followed by a presentation by Philip Saunders on the Map of Sir Gervase Clifton's Estate, Little Gidding 1597, which was bought last year for Huntingdonshire Archives with equal funding by the Society and MLA/V&A Purchase Grant Fund. Members were privileged to see the map which had been brought over from the Archives for display at the meeting.

Members then socialised and enjoyed light refreshments organised by David and Rosemary Smith and David Cozens.