

- 1 The Secretary read the Notice of the Meeting.
- 2 The Secretary noted 11 apologies, together with proxy votes from 9 members. 10 Members attended the meeting. It was noted that there was a sufficient number for a quorum.
- 3 The Secretary proposed the Trust's Chair to chair the AGM.
Proposer: Kathleen Foreman
Seconder: Bryan Davies
All agreed and Chris Bow was appointed Chair for the Meeting.
- 4 The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Proposer: Kathleen Foreman
Seconder: Mary Cooper
Agreed by all in attendance and signed
- 5 The Chair highlighted some points from the Financial report and the Directors' report previously circulated.
 - The introduction of CCTV had curtailed the graffiti vandalism.
 - The Trust had benefitted from substantial legacies amounting to £329,253.
 - The Trust had taken legal ownership of the new Countryside Park shortly after the end of the financial year, to be called Chalk Hill Down.
 - The Trust had committed £50,000 in support of the campaign to oppose the Guided Busway (CSET).
 - The Trust reported a surplus of £335k arising mainly from legacies and a small gain on investments. Excluding these items, the result was less than last year due to significant one-off costs of the CCTV, the seeding of Chalk Hill Down (approx. £17k), and legal fees in connection with the acquisition of Chalk Hill Down. Total reserves amount to nearly £1.8 million with £478k on deposit account and £336k expected from South Cambridgeshire Council (section 106 monies). There are also further monies expected from legacies this year and so the Trust is in a very strong financial position.
- 6 The Treasurer (Chris Bow) asked that the meeting receive the Financial Statements and Report of Directors for the year ending 31st March 2025.

Proposer: John O'Boyle
Seconder: Bryan Davies
No Objections – All in favour – Statements and Report accepted
- 7 Resolution I - To confirm the appointment of Nicholas Cliffe & Co Chartered Accountants as Independent Examiner, who have since changed their name to Affinity Associates (Cambridge) Ltd.

Proposer: Claire Beale
Seconder: Mary Cooper
No Objections – All in favour - Resolution Passed

Note- A new Independent Examiner was required because, due to the substantial legacies, the Trust's income exceeded the threshold up to which our previous examiner was allowed to act.

8 There was not any other ordinary business for the Annual General Meeting.

Following the formal close of the AGM, the Chair outlined some future plans and actions:

- The creation of Chalk Hill Down for the new Countryside Park - Whilst grass seed had been sown in 2024, it will take time for this to become properly established and it is unlikely that there will be public access until late 2026. Additional work will be created for the Rangers with the new land and the responsibilities involved. The Land Committee have already looked at mechanisation and the Trust has begun work on additional security, including new storage containers at Magog Down, for the equipment.
- Direction Finder - Utilising some of the legacy money, in particular that from the estate of Michael Bond, to construct a direction finder on Little Trees Hill. This is intended as a memorial to recognise the efforts of key founding members (Christopher South, Joan Barnes, Colin Davison). Thanks were extended to Bill French who has been master-minding this project.

Chris Bow was thanked for all his work as Chair over this last year.

Present: Chris Bow, Kathleen Foreman, James Foreman, Sara Sayer, Claire Beale, Nick Beale, Bryan Davies, John O'Boyle, Mary Cooper, Duncan Heath

The meeting was followed by refreshments and displays on Magog Down and Chalk Hill Down.