

MINUTES OF THE UTPS AGM HELD VIRTUALLY ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2020, STARTING AT 7.00 PM

Committee Attendance and Apologies for Absence: Helen Goody (Stripling Editor), Carol Rouse (Treasurer), (Richard Rumming (Acting Chairman replacing Chris Graham) and Ben West were present. Apologies for Absence were received from Chris Graham (Chairman), Margaret Hunt (Secretary) and member Hugh Slater.

Visitor Attendance: There were 6 visitors present [listed in Helen Good's meeting notes attached to the AGM minutes].

1. Welcome by Richard Rumming:

2. Included was a minute's silence in memory of Arthur Webb, original UTPS Committee Member, who had recently died.

3. Chairman's Annual Report: This was given by Helen Goody from the 2020 Stripling report.

4. Matters Arising:

Website Update: Richard Rumming thanked Mark Strange for his recent hard work on the website. The future set up of an e-mail address (info@utps) would be considered after further discussion with Mark. UTPS members, and others, were encouraged to contribute photographs and other items to the website.

5. Treasurer's Annual Report on Accounts on 11th November 2020: [report copied for file]

Income: £171.00, plus interest on deposits of £10.91, gives the figure of £181.91.

Expenditure amounted to £93.49 (for production of the 2020 Stripling).

Website revamp cost £62.00

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £155.49.

Net annual income over expenditure was £26.42, with total funds standing at £2,797.14.

Membership currently stands at 44 active members and 7 Committee members.

6. Annual Subscription Increase: The proposal to increase the annual charge from £2.00 to £3.00 from 1st August 2021 was passed by a show of hands.

7. 2020 Stripling : This was very well received.

8. Election of Auditor: Philip Pope was re-elected to this role.

9. Election of UTPS Committee Members: Those present agreed to continue membership, also Chris Graham and Margaret Hunt. Steven Tabbitt, Thames Trail Officer, volunteered as a Committee Member, and was elected on a show of hands.

9. Any Other Business:

Matters Involving River Clearance and Associated Issues : Attendees drew attention to various matters that had frequently been discussed at Committee Meetings. This included updates and further consideration of river clearance work on the relevant portions of the Thames, from trees and shrubs to removal of unwanted plants, such as Himalayan Balsam. The presence of raw sewage in the River Coln was regarded with great concern, and would be monitored [details of the conversation and of those contributing can be found in Helen Goody's meeting notes attached to the AGM minutes].

THERE BEING NO AGM PRESENTATION ON THIS OCCASION. THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00 PM.

