

# THE AVELAND HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



## MINUTES

Date: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 12.30

Venue: St James' Church, Aslackby

### Attendees:

Ali Ray

Alison Carr

Ben Connell

Simon Drommel

Jane Gabbutt

Steve Giullari

Brynley Heaven

Lucie Lawson (online)

Liz McElwee

Martin Smith

Marilyn Kench Taylor

Matt Walsh

Apologies: Jenni Ashwood, Hilary Bloomer, Jenny Bolland, Adele & Ian Hender, Paul Ross

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The Annual General Meeting opened at 12.31 – copies of the Agenda, Annual Report and Financial Report were available to all attendees.

### 1. Welcome

Ali Ray, Chair, welcomed all members of the Aveland History Group and outlined the purpose of the AGM.

### 2. Apologies

see above

### 3. Annual Report

Alison Carr read the Annual Report Prepared by the Chair. The report was proposed by Martin Smith and seconded by Jane Gabbutt. The motion to accept the report was put to the assembled members and it was carried unanimously.

#### 4. Financial Report

Ali Ray delivered the Financial Report in which she had chosen to demonstrate the finances in preceding years of the Group being active, as well as the most recent year 2024-25. The Financial Report was proposed by Alison Carr and seconded by Martin Smith. The motion to accept the report was put to the assembled members and it was carried unanimously.

#### 5. Appointment of Officers and Committee

Ali Ray confirmed her willingness to stand as Chair. Ali was unopposed and was proposed by Alison Carr and seconded by Martin Smith. The vote was unanimous to have Ali Ray remain as Chair

Paul Ross is the Treasurer and, in his absence, all agreed to retain his services.

Alison Carr confirmed her willingness to stand as Secretary and was unopposed. Brynley Heaven proposed Alison and Ali Ray seconded her. The vote was carried to have Alison Carr remain as Secretary.

Two other officers were sought to join the Committee. Ali Ray proposed Lucie Lawson and Jane Gabbutt seconded Lucie as a Committee Member. Alison Carr proposed Martin Smith and Marilyn Taylor seconded him as a Committee Member. The vote was carried to have Lucie Lawson and Martin Smith join the AHG Committee.

#### 6. Appointment of Accounts Examiner

Joanne Dolby has been the Accounts Examiner and it was agreed that she should be approached to continue in this capacity.

#### 7. A.O. B

Alison Carr asked the assembled members for ideas on how to meet the required funds for maintaining the AHG website, insurances and Aveland Archive site which Ali Ray had indicated requires around £750 p.a.

Martin Smith is willing to talk. Alison and Ali have spoken and donated their fees to the Group for financing these items.

Lincoln Record Society and SLHA in Lincoln were suggested as possible sources of funding, especially for the running costs of the Aveland Archive website.

Pictures are often a great way to gain attendance at a talk and these could be held around the various villages, which could also generate content for the Archive.

Sponsorship from companies was proposed. In particular, Warners of Bourne are celebrating their centenary in 2026 and it was suggested that they may be willing to fund research to help them with their celebrations.

A Day of Art with each artist giving their time, for people to come and have a go at creating items using different techniques, as well as viewing displays.

A historical or fancy-dress event was suggested and Bourne Old Town Hall may be willing to collaborate as they have an offsite licence for running a bar.

History Quiz night

Merchandise – committee to research ways to generate funds from merch

Another issue is where we could store and make accessible books that are donated to the Group. A suggestion of approaching Bourne Library was made.

Committee Meetings are to be arranged on a quarterly basis, on a weekday evening for preference.

Date of Next AGM: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - venue TBA

The AGM closed at 13.18