

## THE AVELAND HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES



Date: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 @ 2.00 PM

Venue: St James' Church, Aslackby

#### Attendees:

Ali Ray - AR

Alison Carr - AC

Jane Gabbutt - JG

Lucie Lawson - LL

Christine Pocock - CP

Peter Pocock - PP

Chris Gudgin - CG

Brynley Heaven - BH

Jonathan Smith - JS

Liz McElwee - LM

Wendy Hodson - WH

Philip Hodson - PH

Helene Currell - HC

Apologies: Adele & Ian Hender, Paul Ross

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The Annual General Meeting opened at 2.04 – 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. Minutes of the 2025 AGM

BH proposed that the minutes be adopted; AR seconded the proposal

#### 4. Annual Report

Alison Carr read the Annual Report prepared by the Chair.

## 5. Financial Report

Ali Ray delivered the Financial Report which covered the year to March 2026. The Financial Report had been reviewed by the accounts examiner. Adoption of the finances was proposed by AC and seconded by JG.

## 6. Appointment of Officers and Committee

Ali Ray confirmed her willingness to stand as Chair. Ali was unopposed and was proposed by AC and seconded by BH.

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. AR proposed Alison and JG seconded her.

Two other officers who took up posts last year were Lucie Lawson, who confirmed her willingness to continue and, in absentia, Martin Smith. AC proposed and AR seconded that they remain as members of the committee.

## 7. Appointment of Accounts Examiner

Joanne Dolby has been the Accounts Examiner and it was agreed that she should be asked to continue in this capacity. AC proposed and AR seconded.

## 8. A.O.B

AR outlined that the Group intends to arrange visits to places of historical interest – a suggestion is the Francis Trigge Library at St Wulframs, Grantham and this will then be followed by a creative workshop on themes raised, such as another illuminated manuscript workshop or bookbinding, so unlike regular local history groups, our focus will be more on historic pursuits and hands on events, as well as the social economy and traditions of our area.

A visit to Rippingale station is booked for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July for a group of up to 25 individuals; tickets will be on sale later in May

AR notified the audience that planning will commence in the autumn for a 2027 Heritage Open Days event linked to the Car Dyke on a Roman theme

CG offered his congratulations on the successful walk through Aslackby that 37 people enjoyed earlier in the day, and on the continuing activities of the Group.

AR noted that work continues on Aveland Archive and that the Group would welcome volunteers willing to help catalogue more of the content, so that it is accessible to visitors to the site.

AR and AC advised that they are embarking on an Advanced Diploma in Local History online course from late September at Oxford University's School of Continued Learning.

AR also announced that a bid for a grant from The National Archives has been submitted, to explore whether we could create an app that would help people of all ages engage with the history of our area, whether they are visiting or at home on the other side of the world. However only a tiny percentage of the applications received so far have been successful in securing grants – the Group should hear in June whether or not we have achieved this. If not, we will be looking at other potential sponsors.

9. Date of Next AGM: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2027 - venue TBA

The AGM closed at 14.35

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