FRIENDS OF PAGHAM HARBOUR

AGENDA

42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

TIME 2.30pm

DATE Saturday, 27 October 2017

LOCATION North Mundham Village Hall (PO20 1LA)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MINUTES OF THE 41st AGM (2017) AND MATTERS ARISING

3 ANNUAL REVIEW

4 TREASURER’S REPORT AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES

5 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT

6 ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

7 CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

\* Reduce quorum of AGM from 20 to 15 members

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

INTERVAL – REFRESHEMENTS

9 RESERVE MANAGER’S REPORT

10 THE FUTURE OF THE FRIENDS

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41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

DATE 28 October 2017

LOCATION North Mundham Village Hall (PO20 1LA)

Bill Martin, membership and events secretary, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Twenty four members attended. Apologies were received from Tim Callaway (RSPB).

2 MINUTES OF THE 40th AGM (2016) AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the 40th AGM (2016) were agreed unanimously.

Bill Martin explained that the coastal defences had been done on the east side, along the Slipe field and causeway, but there was no information about those on the west side.

3 ANNUAL REVIEW

Bill Martin, the Membership and Events secretary, explained that the Friends role had changed as reflected in the changes to the constitution last year. We do not do what we used to, such as steward the Visitor Centre, but instead fundraise for both Pagham Harbour LNR and Medmerry. The arrival of the Elegant Tern had helped sell copies of the Owen Mitchell/Andrew House book ‘A Birdwatchers Guide to Pagham Harbour, Medmerry and Selsey Bill’, proceeds from which would go to the Sidlesham Ferry project. The Friends had paid for the printing and publication. Over 500 copies had been sold so far.

Financially the Friends were strong and after many years of ‘planning blight’ improvements were now being made. The Visitor Centre had been uplifted with new toilets, path surrounds and other features.

4 TREASURER’S REPORT

Jane Scotland, the Treasurer, presented the financial report. Reserves were around £40,000 with £30,000 earmarked for projects. The £25,000 legacy was at last being put to good use.

5 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT

Bill Martin reported that memberships continued to slowly decline. In the previous year there were 300 members. Numbers had dropped to 210 members. However, new members continued to join.

The Friends events programme included the Salt House Sundown; the Volunteers BBQ; the Big Beach Clean at Medmerry where 31 bags of rubbish had been collected; and 3 walks.

Communications now included the Friends website; the Friends notice board at the Visitor Centre; the Facebook pages; Harbour Flyer; and Parish magazines.

6 ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The following were elected unanimously:

\* Francis Parfrement (Secretary)

\* Jane Scotland (Treasurer)

\* Bill Martin (Membership Secretary)

\* Trevor Gibson-Poole (Vice-Chair)

\* Anthony Atkins

\* Peter Driscoll (former Chair)

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

8 RESERVE MANAGER’S REPORT

After a break Steve Webster, RSPB Pagham and Medmerry manager, gave a presentation of the year, an update on the new hide, shelter and pond in the enlarged Discovery Area, and answered a number of questions.

9 FUTURE OF NTHE FRIENDS

Bill Martin led a discussion on the future of the Friends. The 2015 AGM Proposal was for the Friends to continue with reduced administration and updated rationale/remit but to review in respect of:

\* Annual renewals

\* Feedback to website, Facebook and events

\* Response to Sidlesham Ferry Project.

The Friends remained a local voice for local people. There were 10 new members with 31 members renewing online. The website news section had been uploaded 31 times and Facebook reached 800 people. Six events had been run though few members attended. Our role had changed and all present accepted this was the way forward.