

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the George Frederick Wallis Memorial  
Committee, held online (due to the Covid-19 restrictions) at 19.00 on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

The meeting was opened at 19:05 by the Chairman, J. Dugan, who welcomed all present online.

**Attendees:**

The attendees were:

WBro J. Dugan, (*Chairman & POW 1705*) WBro T. Conduit, (*Hon Secretary & POW 1705*), WBro Steve Frost (*God's Port Housing Society Ltd representative & POW 1705*) Brian Corney (*Treasurer & Rowner Lodge*), WBro Joe McClelland (*Haslar Lodge 7234*) & WBro Malcolm Patis (*St Swithuns Lodge 4795*)

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies had been received from: WBro Steve Leaver (*Clarence 8167*)

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 having been circulated, the Secretary, Trevor Conduit put them for confirmation.

The minutes proposed by WBro Steve Frost and Seconded by Brian Corney, were then approved by all present and will be signed, by the Chairman John Dugan and Sec Trevor Conduit when circumstances allow .

**3. Matters Arising:**

The secretary sent out notification to all Gosport Lodges with a request for a volunteer to take over as treasurer, but no take up! Brian Corney has since decided to remain as Treasurer for the time being, the Chairman thanked Brian for his staying on and continue the fine work he is doing.

**4. Chairman's Address:**

The Chairman, welcomed those present for attending the AGM, albeit this year under strange circumstances.

Eleanor Still occupies one bungalow, Eleanor is now getting very frail and her daughter goes in every day to see her.

Peter Howting of Rowner lodge, lives next door to Eleanor at No17, unfortunately Peter suddenly lost his wife earlier this year with Leukemia, and also had a spell in hospital himself. He also had to pay out to upgrade his bathroom, I feel that we should make a contribution towards this from our funds and see if we can get The Province of Hampshire and IOW Masonic Trust to make a contribution towards the cost. We now have a third occupant in Bungalow No 7 David Goodwin and his wife; David is from St Swithuns Lodge.

Can I ask all of you, to think of any of your Lodge members who could benefit from moving into one of these beautiful bungalows? There is an unoccupied bungalow at present, so the Sec will send out notification of this to all Gosport Lodge secretaries, not forgetting there are financial restrictions that apply to any applicant, before they can be considered.

I would like to thank the secretary Trevor and the Treasurer Brian for all of their hard work over the last year.

I would also like to thank those Gosport Lodges who have donated over the past year, and hope that they and other Lodges will continue to support us in the future.

**5. Presentation of Accounts for 2019/202.**

The Treasurer, WBro Brian Corney gave a brief overview of the Funds current situation.

The current balance in the bank is **£2128.25**; this includes the £200.00 donation from St Swithuns Lodge. Other donations to be added will include £100.00 from Rowner Lodge, and hopefully donations from other Lodges when things get back to normal in the New Year.

The actual accounts will have to be verified as soon as circumstances allow.

**6. Election of Treasurer.**

WBro Brian Corney of Rowner Lodge, proposed by Trevor Conduit, seconded by Joe McClennan, all present showed approval.

**7. Election of Secretary**

WBro Trevor Conduit, of the Prince of Wales Lodge No.1705 was proposed as Secretary, Proposed by Steve Frost, seconded by John Dugan, all present showed approval.

**8. Correspondence.**

The secretary has received a donation cheque and letter from St Swithuns Lodge No 4795 for £200.00, this was handed to the treasurer to bank.

**9. Review of Occupation.**

The current occupants of the bungalows are:

Mrs. E Still. No 16.

Mr. P. Howting, No.17.

Mr. & Mrs. David Goodwin, No7

**10. Report on Gods Port Housing Society Ltd.**

Steve Frost reported that currently the Society has one bungalow which is being refurbished and will be offered to the next applicants on the waiting list. All properties are refurbished and repaired, where required, before occupancy. Remedial work has been carried out on No 7 and occupancy has now been accepted. Some of the properties are showing water penetration of the external brick and they will be treated with a water repellent.

The Badger problem affecting bungalows Nos 1 to 6 has been dealt with and hopefully will not reoccur.

The current waiting list has 5 applicants for bungalows and 8 for the flats.

Some applicants have not been accepted as they did not meet the Societies financial criteria.

All applicants are assessed upon their need, not on the length of time on the waiting list.

The Societies financial position remains strong.

During 2019-20, the Chairman Shaun Cully retired and has Mr Jess Cully has been appointed to the position.

**11. Arrangements for Christmas Gifts and visits.**

It was agreed that J. Dugan, T Conduit, and Brian Corney will visit Mrs. E. Still, Mr. Howting and Mr. & Mrs. Goodwin on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 14:00, to present a cheque for £100 to each bungalow as a small token from the committee. We also usually give a small hamper, but due to the current Covid-19 conditions, it was felt that we would wait until Easter 2021 and do something for them then, all agreed.

The Secretary will contact them previously to ensure they are available.

The Treasurer will raise the cheques for £100.00 for all three.

**11. A.O.B –**

**None all was covered in above items.**

The meeting was closed at: 19.40, the Chairman again thanked all for attending, wished them all a merry Christmas and asked that they Stay Safe.

**The next AGM will be arranged at a future time when hopefully we can meet in person!**

Signed this day,

Secretary

Chairman.