



CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND Cheshire Branch
91th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 16th May 2023 at Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham

Minutes

1. Welcome

Peter Raynes, Chairman for CPRE Cheshire Branch, welcomed everyone to the meeting. 20 people were present (and 8 proxy votes had been received prior the meeting) which equaled a total of 28 members with voting rights.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John Higgs, Caryl Roberts, Gill Moroney, Lesley Smetham, Jacqui Johnson, Becca Nelson, Jim Riggot, Les Platt, Tessa Parkin, Jennifer Maddock and Peter Adshead.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM at Willington Hall Hotel, Tarporley on 11th May 2022.

Proposer: Andrew Needham **Seconder:** Peter Raynes **Vote:** everyone agreed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 11th May 2022

No matters arising

5. Chairman's Report

Peter Raynes thanked the members for their continued support, he also thanked the Trustees, Becca Nelson and Debbie Janney. He said a special thanks to Jackie Copley for all her sterling work in recent Local Plans and planning responses in the last year. Jackie Copley has recently taken on a new role for CPRE National so cannot support Cheshire Branch as much in the future. Peter Raynes then introduced incoming Cheshire Branch Chair, Jonathan Clarke, who will take up this role from 17th May 2023. Cheshire Branch are now getting back to its first full year of activity since COVID. CPRE National are highlighting the importance of hedgerows and in the Cheshire area CPRE have linked up with other conservations groups to plant hedges at the Countess of Cheshire County Park and also at Pexhill which the public can go along and see. Again, Planning has been important with CPRE giving an input into 3 major development Plans: Warrington, Wirral and Greater Manchester Spatial Strategy. Specific campaigns have included responding to peatland issues at Carrington Moss, and CPRE had had success at the Bredbury Estate expansion application.

6. Treasurers Report

Derek Goldstraw, Treasurer, advised there was not a lot to say about finance in 2022 as CPRE Cheshire had made a surplus. Derek confirmed he was stepping down as Branch Treasurer at this AGM but would remain as Trustee for CPRE Cheshire. He then introduced Ismail Ravat who would be taking on the role as Branch Treasurer following this AGM.

7. Acceptance of the Year 2022 Trustees' Annual Report including the Accounts for year ending 31st December 2022

Proposer: Andrew Needham

Seconder: David Cotgreave

Vote: All agreed

8. Election of Officers

Vice –President: Peter Raynes

Honorary Branch Treasurer: Ismail Ravat

Proposed: Andrew Needham **Seconded:** David Cotgreave **Vote:** All agreed

9. Election of other Trustees:

Jonathan Clarke

Andrew Needham

Derek Goldstraw

Jacqui Johnson

Peter Moore Dutton

Rod Tann

Rhoda Bailey

Proposed: Jerry Spencer **Seconded:** Neil Parry **Vote:** All agreed

10. Election of Auditors

Christine Mann is recommended for re-election as our Honorary Independent Examiner

Proposed: David Cotgreave **Seconded:** Ismail Ravat **Vote:** All agreed

11. Any other business

Rod Tann advised that he and Neil Parry had come to the AGM straight from the first day of the Leverhulme Estate enquiry at Wallasey Town Hall. Jackie Copley will be representing the Wirral at this enquiry and giving evidence. Rod wished the AGM to note the Wirral Society's thanks to Jackie Copley for her invaluable expertise and hoped she may be able to help them in the future.

Finally, Peter Raynes thanked everyone for attending.