

## Helmdon Local History Group - AGM

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in the Reading Room, Helmdon.**

**Apologies:** Hugh Walmsley and Cec Harold

#### **1. Welcome**

Chairman Danny Moody welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

#### **2. Minutes**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the inaugural AGM of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 be accepted.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave notice of his appreciation of the work of the committee during the past year. He outlined the three main areas of focus during the initial year, being...

- i) The History Archive - in which he outlined the ongoing work to set up the Local History Group cupboard in the Reading Room. It is hoped work on this will be completed over the Winter months and that it will be available for the public to use sometime next year.
- ii) The list of potential 'research projects' that members might wish to consider taking on or assisting.
- iii) Redeveloping the Helmdon History website – for which funding is being sought

At the AGM last year, it was proposed that the Group would attempt to arrange speakers for three open meetings a year; one of which would be at the AGM. During the past year these speakers and topics were...

- i) Deborah Hayter – 'Studying Local History'
- ii) Danny Moody – 'Helmdon's website: past, present and future'
- iii) Chris Gartside – 'The history of HYHO (Helmdon Young Husbands Organisation)'

Chair reported that Hugh Walmsley had stepped down as Secretary of the group and a new Secretary was required.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The initial accounting period was from 1st Sept 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 24 – and the Group's balance at the end of that period was £766.17. This comprised Membership and Guest fees plus two exceptional items, (i) a grant of £250 from the Parish Council and (ii) the remaining funds from the Helmdon History website as that work will now be incorporated into HLHG projects.

#### **6. Elections.**

The meeting proposed and approved the election of the following:

Chair – Danny Moody

Secretary – Richard Farquharson

Treasurer – Mike Barnes

Committee members: Ross Vicars, Audrey Forgham, Faye Holloway, Cec Harrold.

#### **7. Next Open Meeting.**

The next Open Meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the Reading Room and the speaker will be Ross Vicars – topic is "The Parish and the Poor".

The topic for the June 2025 meeting had yet to be decided.

#### **8. Guest Speaker.**

Chair welcomed Chris Bazeley who gave a talk on 'The Home Guard'.