

**Minutes of the OAHS AGM**  
**Held at The Corn Exchange, Faringdon**  
**14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Sat 10.00 am**  
*(Registered Charity No. 259055)*

The President, Geoffrey Tyack, took the chair. 45 members were present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from 6 members.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted and passed without correction.

Proposed: Adrienne Rosen; Seconded: Ivor Spackman

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Officers reports**

The Officers' reports were accepted without comment.

Geoffrey Tyack spoke about the OAHS Grants programme. He gave examples of recent awards including the VCH, Mark Davies book on Jericho and the Abingdon Abbey Buildings project. This is a major project and the Society was pleased to be able to make a significant contribution.

Jill Hind talked about the less public aspects of the Society's work in campaigning for and consultation on conservation of Oxfordshire's heritage. Recent consultations have included the Botley West solar farm scheme and the proposed new reservoir near Abingdon. OAHS also organises OCCAF, a rare opportunity for representatives from curatorial, museum, academic, voluntary and commercial bodies to meet and discuss issues. There is also a Listed Buildings Sub-committee which is consulted on projects affecting such properties. Some members monitor particular areas of the county and the Chairman, Julian Munby, says that they are actively looking for new members.

**5. Finance**

a) Report of Hon. Treasurer

Bob Crabtree said that the Society had had a very successful year in financial terms, aided by a bequest from a late member and interest rates. The significant increase in the value of the assets has made it possible to award more in grants.

b) Adoption of accounts and balance sheet.

The accounts were adopted.

c) Appointment of Examiners

Bob Crabtree expressed thanks to Jim Moore for his audit. That Chapman, Robinson and Moore be reappointed as auditors was agreed unanimously.

Proposed: Simon Townley; Seconded: Martin Henig

## **6. Election of Officers**

a) All of the present Officers and Committee are prepared to continue in office. These officers were approved by the meeting.

Beverley Lear introduced herself to the meeting as the Membership Secretary. She outlined the different areas she deals with, such as subscriptions, login details, copies of Oxoniensia and changes of personal details. Most contacts happen electronically, and she welcomed the opportunity to make a more personal connection.

## **7. Any other business**

Geoffrey Tyack gave a short history of the Corn Exchange. Its architect was John Luker, about whom little is known. He was an exponent of the Gothic Revival. Originally the building had included a Savings Bank.

The meeting closed at 10.20 am.

## **Committee for 2025-6**

Hon President	Geoffrey Tyack
Hon Treasurer	Robert Crabtree
Hon Secretary	Jill Hind
Membership Secretary	Beverley Lear
Webmanager	Meriel Lewis
Editor	Stephen Miles
Librarian	Julian Munby
Lecture Secretary	Adrienne Rosen
Events Organiser	Holly Kilpatrick
Oxfordshire Past Committee	Rebecca Peacock Eugene Coyle

## **Listed Buildings Sub-committee**

Chairman	Julian Munby
Secretary	Lydia Inglis

## **OCCAF**

Chairman	Roger Thomas
Secretary	Roger Ainslie