



Purley Literary Society: AGM for 2022-2023 Season

21st March 2023, 19:30

Minutes

- 1 **CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:** Richard Walker (RW) welcomed members and visitors.
- 2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Dave Murray.
- 3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 22 MARCH 2022:** Shown on screen. Unanimously agreed.
- 4 **ACCOUNTS FOR 2022-2023 & TREASURER'S REPORT:** Details of account were shown on screen. Bob Cherry (BC) summarised the financial position. Outgoings had risen because of higher fees for speakers and increased costs of hiring the hall. The URC had agreed a 10% refund on charges because of disruption during building work. The accounts remain with Metro Bank, which does not pay interest but levies no charges. The account stands at £2609.11. The Committee intends to keep the annual membership and visitors fee unchanged for next season.
BC would hand the accounts over to Richard Shaw for Independent Examination, once the final items for this season had passed through the bank account.
- 5 **REPORTS**
 - (i) **Membership:** Membership: Yvonne Walker (YW) reported 71 members and 57 visitors this season. She summarised the advertising efforts to reach as wide an audience as possible and invited members to suggest new avenues for advertising.
 - (ii) **Programme:** Programme: RW outlined the programme for 2023/24 season, which is almost finalised.
 - (iii) **Chairman:** Chairman: RW thanked members for their forbearance during a season disrupted by building work. He encouraged members to let him know of potential speakers and in particular to suggest one or two high profile speakers who could be approached. There is always a longish lead time in securing dates with popular speakers.
RW thanked Tony Pearson, standing down as Secretary after 5 years and Sandra Pearson for helping with catering at pre Covid Christmas events. Both were delighted and grateful to receive gifts.
- 6 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** All members of the Committee (except Secretary) were willing to serve for another year and were elected unanimously.
- 7 **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Richard Shore is willing to continue and was duly appointed, to a round of applause.
- 8 **MOVE TO CHRIST CHURCH, PURLEY:**
 - i. RW outlined the background to the proposal to move to Christ Church Purley. Members had been alerted to the proposal in advance of the meeting.

- ii. Christ Church, Purley offers good parking, a comfortable room with screen, good public transport and reasonable pedestrian access from Purley station.
- iii. One member had sent written objection to the move but otherwise there was unanimous support for the proposal. It was agreed that the Committee proceed as proposed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business

Meeting closed at 20.00 hours

Tony Pearson
Secretary

22 March 2023