

Annual General Meeting

The Kingston Arms, Newport Road, Cowes

Monday 12th April 2010 at 7:00pm

Present:

19 Trustees and Friends.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were 17 apologies for absence.

2. Chairman's Welcome

Lora Peacey-Wilcox welcomed and thanked the members present for their attendance; she also thanked Jackie and Adrian for allowing us to take over so much of their pub for the evening.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the AGN held on 31st March 2009 were signed as a true record of that meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman praised her hard working Board of Trustees who give their time freely, thanking them individually for their contributions:

Jon is the driving force who keeps us on our toes; it is because of his efforts that this is such a successful organisation;

Barry, our archivist, has spent an incredible amount of time transcribing the burial records, he is always willing to answer enquiries, he still receives 2 or 3 enquiries every week;

Lora thanked Tim for creating a superb website, a commercial site as good as this would have cost a lot of money;

Richard can be found every Saturday morning making the cemetery a much more welcoming place. After some initial concerns when the area in front of the Chapel was cleared we have had nothing but favourable comments. Lora also wanted to thank volunteers who have helped with conservation work, in particular Karen Graves, Gary Peacey and Rob Smith;

David, the secretary, was thanked for his minute taking;

Graham Lloyd's vast knowledge enabled him to give the Board much valuable information and guidance;

As well as thanking Trustees the Chairman expressed gratitude to Carol Flux, who has become a huge asset. Through her efforts we have obtained a grant of nearly £4,000 towards installing electricity in the Dead House;

Lora welcomed Angela McMurtry who has volunteered to become our Fund-raiser.

Our Treasurer, Marie Gladdis has stepped down because of family and work commitments.

Lora thanked her for taking on the role of Treasurer from the start.

5. Treasurer's Report

Lora explained that Jon had agreed to take over the Treasurer's role until the AGM and he was asked to present the report (See attached financial statement). Jon explained that membership income is not truly accurate by year because of the way the Auditor formulated the report.

6. Lora invited the Trustees to report on their roles

Jon, the Membership Secretary, reported that at 31st March 2010 we had exactly 250 members and that so far in the year starting 1st April 2010 we already have had 106 subscriptions paid.

Richard explained that when working on Saturday mornings he asked everyone he saw in the cemetery for their opinions; he was pleased to report that he has had no adverse comments.

Barry reported that the transcribing of the Burial records is now up to 31st December 2009; there were 16,709 people either interred or with ashes scattered in the Cemetery.

7. Election of Trustees

Chairman	Lora Peacey-Wilcox	
Secretary	David Jones	
Treasurer	Jon Matthews	
Six other Trustees	Barry Sowerby	Richard Day
	Tim Gladdis	Graham Lloyd
	Paul Fuller	Angela McMurtry

All were elected by a unanimous vote.

8. Appointment of Financial Scrutineer

It was agreed to leave this to the next Board meeting.

9. Life Membership

The board made a recommendation that individual life membership should be available at a cost of £75. After some discussion a proposal from John Pullen seconded by Angela McMurtry that the cost should be £100 was passed by a majority vote.

10. Update on the work on the Mortuary building

Jon explained that despite continued suggestions from the Trustees that a better, long term solution was possible the IW Council have started work on their preferred scheme. This entails piling inside and outside the back wall supported by visible steel girders. On the plus side the lean-to will be rebuilt and the safety fencing will be removed. Lora was pleased with the news that the toilet block has been opened and made usable for the workmen and that we will have a key allowing access when the work is finished.

11. Fund-raising

Angela hoped that members wearing FoNC T-shirts will enter the 'Walk the Wight' flat walk on 16th May 2010. This will generate publicity for the Friends of Northwood Cemetery.

Angela suggested we could set up an 'Adopt a Squirrel' box or bird feeder scheme and tree planting.

Jon told the meeting that the Southern Co-op community card scheme had raised £6,500.00 to date - of which we will receive half.

The Grassroots grant mentioned earlier will allow us to install electricity in the Dead House, allowing us to have power for lighting, a computer terminal and heating.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the official business at 7.50pm.

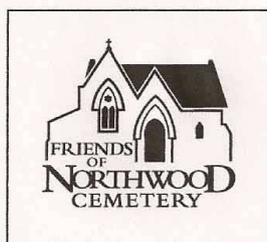
David Jones
Secretary

During a question and answer session following the AGM the following points were raised:

Lora explained that *The Dead House* might not be the best name for the small building just inside the gates used as our store. A suggestion from Barry that it should be known as **The Friends' House** was accepted.

David Hunnybun expressed concern about felling trees during the nesting season which started in mid-March; this is illegal. Richard assured him that only tidying work will be done.

Jon told the meeting about the Watling family; Jonathan Watling, aged 32, died on Christmas Eve 2009 and was buried in the Cemetery, sadly, his father John Watling died in March 2010. John's wife Stella had asked that donations in his memory be sent to the Friends of Northwood Cemetery in lieu of flowers; to date we have received over £900. Also a family friend has expressed interest in having the stained glass window in the chapel restored, Chris Lord made the suggestion that people could sponsor individual sections of the window.



Income & Expenditure Report <i>(2009/2010 Accounts subject to certification)</i>	2009/2010 <i>(Uncertified)</i>	2008/2009 <i>(Certified)</i>
Income		
Subscriptions	£1,955.00	£2,200.00
Donations	£920.95	£694.70
Sales of Merchandise	£122.50	-£12.39
Advertising Revenue	£75.00	£25.00
Fund Raising - Walk	£335.00	£258.00
Fund Raising - Quiz	£146.00	£179.00
Total Income	£3,554.45	£3,344.31
Expenditure		
Commission to Parish Chest	£7.83	£10.00
Administration expenses	£672.07	£1,075.41
Nature Conservation expenses	£527.00	£59.59
Professional services expenses	£143.00	
Subscription to NCF	£20.00	£20.00
Subscription to BTCV	£35.00	£35.00
Insurance (BTCV)	£155.63	£159.79
G J Banks Ltd (Dead House repairs)	£1,572.38	
Total Expenditure	£3,132.91	£1,359.79
Excess Income over Expenditure	£421.54	£1,984.52
Bank Current account as at 31st March	£2,193.66	£1,692.12