

# Beckford Nature Reserve

Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Beckford Nature Reserve held in the Village Hall  
Beckford on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 pm

## **Present**

Geoff Stringer	Chairman
Margaret Barker	Treasurer
Clare Henderson	Secretary
Tina Brown	Trustee

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

### **AGM10/17.1 Apologies for absence**

Mark McCauley,

### **AGM10/17.2 Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> AGM of Trustees held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The minutes were read and the Chairman signed them as correct.

### **AGM10/17.3 Matters Arising**

There were no specific matters arising to be discussed.

### **AGM10/17.4 Chairman's Report**

Geoff reported that the seat carved by Nick Rallis had been installed on the north bank of the lake overlooking the island in April of this year. It is a fitting tribute to John Clifford, founder Trustee and Warden for many years.

Routine maintenance continues, thanks to volunteers, including undergrowth clearance and repairs to footpaths and steps. (There is a detailed warden's report in the file)

The Village Supper was held in the Beckford Marquee, at the Beckford Inn, at the end of March and was an enjoyable social event. Next year will be our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we hope to have a memorable evening event in June or July.

The 200 Club, one of our major fundraisers, has just had its first draw this year. The 2018 calendar is now available. The sale of cards and calendars continues to provide a useful income.

"Give as You Live", where we benefit from online shopping, is beginning to generate funds for us.

Geoff then expressed his thanks to all the trustees, Dave and Jayne Allchurch, who manage the 200 club, and all the volunteers and supporters, who contribute to the success of Beckford nature Reserve.

### **AGM10/17.5 Treasurer's Report**

Margaret Barker then presented the accounts, see separate sheet for full details. She reported that the 200 Club was still the main source of income and that the Sesame Oil Buying Club was a new small income source. The annual income for 2016-17 at £2 237 was a little below last year but the expenditure was £2 535 was approximately £600 less than last year. The main expenditure is the insurance which accounts for about 45% of the annual expenditure. Any suggestions as to how this could be reduced would be welcomed.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report: Proposed: J.Allchurch seconded: L.Alexander

Clare Henderson, Hon. Sec.

**AGM10/17.6 AOB**

- John Hall referred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and suggested that the charitable organisations, which had provided approximately £44 000 towards the purchase of the reserve, might be contacted. They could be invited to send representatives to come and view the reserve and see how their financial support had been put to good use. He believed that about 6 charities had contributed funds to the appeal to purchase the land and establish the reserve. Geoff agreed that this would be a good idea and that the charities would be contacted.
- Jonathan Grice asked that a sincere vote of thanks be made to Tina Brown, who as Conservation Warden worked tirelessly to organise the various working parties and ensured that the reserve was kept in such good condition. There was enthusiastic general agreement with this.
- Madeline Clifford then asked that thanks were also due to Andy Slade for maintaining the website and ensuring that the information was kept up to date. This was duly recorded.

Geoff then thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7.45pm. There followed an illustrated talk by Tom Beasley-Suffolk of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Signed ..... Date .....