



# Phoenixsingers

## Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

7pm at Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School, Framlingham.

Present: William Glasse (Chairman), Caroline Foster (Secretary), Geoff Lavery (Music Director), Keith Barton (Treasurer) and approximately 46 members.

The Chairman welcomed Members to the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The papers had been circulated by email in advance and had been posted on the website.

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Moorhouse (Vice Chairman), Gill Clare, Linda Sherman, Judy Moorhouse, Elaine Mason, Katy Boulton, Gill Owens, Tim Barker, Frances Barker, Philippa Godwin, Sara Woolstencroft and Penny Cook.

The Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 had been published on the website after the meeting and circulated with the papers.

They were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

### Committee Elections:

Peter Moorhouse wished to stand down from the Committee. Miranda Barclay and Marion Kirton agreed to stand on the committee again for another three-year term.

The Committee Proposed the re-appointment of Marion Kirton and Miranda Barclay. They were elected unanimously.

The Chairman explained the importance of new members coming forward to serve on the committee and reminded the Society that both the Chairman and Treasurer completed their second term of office in 2025 and cannot then stand for re-election. It would be helpful if a potential Treasurer were to be identified in time to shadow the Treasurer in his final year of office.

### Chairman's report-William Glasse

The report had been made available to Members in advance and was taken as read. There were no questions.

Its adoption was proposed by Claire Heard and seconded by Vanessa Seymour and supported unanimously.

### Music Director's report-Geoff Lavery

The report had been made available to Members in advance and was taken as read. There were no questions.

Its adoption the was proposed by Kaye Dawe and seconded by Marian Lanyon and supported unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts '22-'23-Keith Barton:

The draft accounts were available to Members in advance of the meeting and had been Independently Examined and signed off.

A modest deficit had been recorded in 2021-2022. Some cash reserves not required for day-to-day running expenses in the foreseeable future had been invested in the Charities Investment Fund. The Gift Aid income was distorted because two years' worth of Gift Aid claims had been paid in this accounting year.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Giles Pebody and seconded by Miranda Barclay. This was supported unanimously.

The Treasurer was thanked for his hard work throughout the year on behalf of the Society.

2024- Summer term arrangements-William Glasse:

Next year the Snape Concert is to be held near to the half term break (11<sup>th</sup> May 2024). This unusually leaves a shorter period of time post-concert to prepare for yet another potential performance.

Various suggestions were put forward by members. Anne Wright suggested looking at venues outside Framlingham such as Letheringham or Wickham Market Churches. Esther Mower and Vanessa Seymour felt a fundraising event in a nice venue would be a good idea. Susie Starke suggested workshops and Miranda Barclay thought it was important to include food and drink.

The Chairman asked for a straw-poll indication of members availability in the second half of the summer term. Rather less than half those present thought they would be available. Further, he asked for an indication of whether, in principle, Members still believed that Phoenix should aim to meet in all three terms of the year. The consensus was that this should be the case.

Members were thanked for their input. The Committee would now discuss how to proceed.

Any other business:

The Chairman thanked all Members of the Committee and others who contributed to the running of the Society.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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