

Friends of Battersea Park

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Minutes of The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Battersea Park held on 7th September 2020 by Zoom

1. Chairman's opening remarks:

Garon Watkins (Chair) opened the meeting, welcomed and thanked Friends for their continuing support during especially the lockdown and introduced the panel participants: Neil Blackley, Head of Parks, and Inspector Steve Biggs.

2. Present: Estimated at 60

Apologies from Friends Caroline Blunden and Sandy Copland.

3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM Meeting:

Held on 2nd July 2019 the minutes had been circulated to the committee prior to the AGM and agreed by all present.

4. Trustee's Report:

A copy was included in the issue R117 of *Review* and sent to the Charities Commission. The Report and Accounts are also available on the Friends' website.

5. The Treasurer's Report:

Adrian Flook, (Treasurer) gave the statement of financial activities for the year 2019/2020.

He commented that the finances are in robust health, partially because in the last financial year we made no substantial investment. Reserves were up £19,000 on the previous year, giving an overall total of £68,000 in the bank as of the end of March. Since then, the figures have improved further by another £10,000. This year there has been a generous donation of £5000 from a legacy. Unfortunately, Covid19 has played its part as events have been cancelled, therefore, it is difficult to know at this stage how the next months, possibly year will play out.

The Annual Report and Accounts were proposed by Frances Radcliffe, seconded by Adrian Flook and agreed by all present.

6. Financial Examiner:

The Chairman thanked Virginia Derbyshire once again, for acting as our independent examiner and confirmed that Virginia is happy to continue for a further year. Her appointment was duly proposed and seconded by Adrian Flook.

(Adrian added we have someone lined up to follow on from Virginia after the next current year).

7. Election of committee members:

The Chairman formally announced Juliet Lyon-Smith as the Secretary of the Friends of Battersea Park. Frances Radcliffe proposed, seconded by Annabel Stein and agreed by all present.

Adrian Flook was proposed to continue for a further three years by Russ Coffey, seconded by Hallam Murray and agreed by all present.

The Chairman confirmed the elected committee members and officers were all in place.

8. Any other Business:

Following the conclusion of formal business the meeting was opened to questions from the membership.

9. Closing remarks:

The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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