

# Newmarket Grammar School Old Foleyans Association

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Bedford Lodge Hotel, Newmarket on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 at 12.30 pm

### Committee Members present:

Robert Oakley                  Rosemary Foreman                  John Gentleman                  Kay Sallis                  Brenda Smith  
Chairman Robert Oakley welcomed 43 Old Foleyans and guests to the 23rd Annual Reunion and 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM since the inception in 1998. Attendance was down as a result of the Covid epidemic and the petrol shortage in some areas.

### 1        **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Sheila Austin	Cynthia Brown	Angela Ginn	Diana Griffin
Len Griffin	Brian Heasman	Jocelyn Horstead	Liz Langley
Patricia Palmer	Brian Parsley	Peter Williams	

### 2        **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were read and taken as a true record.

### 3        **Matters arising**

None noted.

### 4        **Secretary's Report**

Rosemary reported that, due to the Covid epidemic, not much had happened since the 2019 AGM. The visit to Mildenhall Museum with afternoon tea in March 2020 had been cancelled, as was the 2020 AGM. However, at their meeting in June 2021 the committee had decided to go ahead with this year's meeting and lunch and Rosemary thanked all those who were there. A list of Old Foleyans who had died within the last 2 years was given and she asked members to add the names of any others in order that she could keep the database up-to-date. Rosemary thanked John for keeping everyone in touch via the Newsletters, which were much appreciated by the members.

### 5        **Treasurer's Report**

John presented the accounts for the year together with projected expenditure for 2021-22. The greatest expenditure continued to be on the Newsletter for printing costs and postage but there was still a healthy bank balance.

### 6        **Acceptance of Accounts**

The Financial Statement for the year to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 was agreed subject to audit and adopted by members present.

### 7        **Election of Officers and Committee**

The following officers and committee were re-elected:

<b>Officers</b>		<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chairman:	Robert Oakley	Brenda Smith	Dick Crabb
Secretary	Rosemary Foreman	Brenda Smith	Dick Crabb
Treasurer	John Gentleman	Brenda Smith	Dick Crabb

### **Committee**

Kay Sallis	Rosemary Foreman	Brenda Smith
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Peter Williams	Rosemary Foreman	Brenda Smith

**8 Future of the Association**

Discussion took place regarding the future of the Association in view of declining numbers and the lack of members willing to join the committee. Suggestions to increase membership included setting up a new website and Lorna Wallis advised that her brother, John Wallis, would be willing to do this. Copy would be needed for this as well as for the Newsletters and members were encouraged to write articles for publication. Rosemary to let John Wallis have all the information which was on the previous website and also to contact Newmarket Journal with a view to their publishing an article about the Grammar School, pointing out that those who attended the Exning Road site were also Old Foleyans. As postage was the main expense, it was suggested that Newsletters be sent by e-mail wherever possible.

It was also suggested that consideration should be given to a way of winding up the Association and the dispersal of any funds – to be discussed at committee meetings and via the Newsletter.

Robert thanked everyone for their support.

**9 Any Other Business**

It was noted that copies of the Newmarket Journal were being put online, which would give much easier access to old photographs and articles.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.10 pm.