



## **RDRA 95TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of the 94th AGM held on 17th June 2024
- Hon. Treasurer's statement of accounts
- To appoint an Honorary Examiner
- Chairman's Annual Report
- Election of President
- Election of Officers
- Election of the Association Committee
- AOB
- Guest Speakers: Chris Hillier & Sue Lacey

### **WELCOME AND OPENING**

AGM chaired by Peter Chrispin. Apologies and absences were noted. Minutes of previous AGM minutes were approved.

### **HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Perhaps I may begin, as usual, by highlighting a few of the changes since my report last year.

Subscription income was down about £150 on the previous year with total receipts being down compared with last year by nearly £1800. However this was offset by outgoings being down by nearly £3200, largely attributable to a halving of costs associated with producing Independence in a smaller A5 format.

With the decision to discontinue the publication of Independence substantial savings are being made by communicating on a regular basis primarily using e-newsletters with current information, rather than with information which has since become somewhat out of date.

Unlike last year, when there was a deficit of nearly £1400, in 2025 we have broken even; this gives us a balance at financial year end (31st March) of £6385.

I should like to express a big "thank-you" to John Samson who has once again examined our accounts.

After nine interesting years on the committee, firstly as Membership Secretary and the last seven years as Treasurer, I have reluctantly taken the decision to stand down due to significant health issues experienced in recent months. However, it has been an enjoyable experience and a pleasure to work with my colleagues on the committee.

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## **PRESENTATION TO LESLIE**

Ash Pattni Presented A Big Thank You Trophy to Leslie Chrol-Frolowicz who was Treasurer between 2018 – 2025 and Membership Secretary between 2016 – 2018.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025**

Our association has always been committed to fostering a sense of community, addressing local concerns, and advocating for the betterment of our area. Each year brings its own set of challenges and triumphs, requiring dedication and teamwork from our members and leadership. As we reflect on the past year, it is essential to acknowledge the efforts that have shaped our progress and remember the individuals who have contributed immensely to our journey.

**Note:** Due to the changeover in financial administration, the financial accounts are available as hard copies at the AGM.

## **TO APPOINT AN HONORARY EXAMINER**

Honorary Examiner appointed to audit next year is John Samson.

## **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Michael Stimpson was elected.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICES**

List of Committee Members elected are:

- Chairman - Ash Pattni
- Treasurer – Sam Thakkar
- Secretary – Suzanne Harding

## **Election of the Association Committee**

- Membership Secretary – Anne Littlejohn
- Vice Chair & Planning Officer – Bob Templeman
- Web Admin – Debbie Wheeler

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This is my second year as chairman:

Our treasurer, Leslie, who has managed our finances for seven years, is stepping down. I presented him with a trophy as a token of appreciation for his dedication and services to this association over the weekend.

I also extend my gratitude to the committee for their support this year. John Payne is stepping down due to health reasons.

Our achievements over the last 12 months:

Organized a Residents' forum to discuss and emphasize the need for improvements to Batchworth Bridge Crossing to make it face before any fatalities.

Continued campaigning regarding the opening of the Riverside path in the aquadrome.

I Actively represented RDRA on the Three Rivers Joint Residents Association, FOMLUC, now as its treasurer, and attended relevant BCC and TRDC meetings and forums.

This year, there was a decline in membership by about 50 members, and activities and events were reduced. There was no Wine & Cheese with Jazz event and no presence at the Ricky High Street Markets.

The membership is aging, and the committee is under strength. Recovery to pre-pandemic levels has not been achieved.

A new treasurer will need to move the bank account to online banking to facilitate payments by bank transfers and eliminate the use of cheques.

Looking ahead, the new committee faces challenges:

Remaining relevant to both aging membership and the broader Rickmansworth population.

Generating revenue to support good causes.

Encouraging enthusiasm and dynamism within the committee and association.

Dynamic leadership will be crucial for guiding this association towards its centenary and future success so I'm happy to stand down if there's anybody Young and Dynamic and willing to take up the challenges and responsibilities to this association into the future. Meanwhile, I shall strive to serve this community to the best of my abilities.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **Chris Hillier**

Is a retired engineer, has lived in Rickmansworth for over 55 years. An early member of Rickmansworth Waterways Trust, he is passionate about local history and serves in the Rickmansworth Historical Society. He was Chairman of Watford and District Industrial History Society until last year ([www.wadihs.org.uk](http://www.wadihs.org.uk)). Chris frequently gives history talks, donating proceeds to Workaid ([www.workaid.org.uk](http://www.workaid.org.uk)), where he volunteers.

### **Sue Lacey**

Is Community Engagement and Partnerships Manager at Wood Oaks Farm:  
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