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| **Minutes of the 1st AGM of the**  **Friends of Ferring Association**  **Held at St Andrews Church Hall**  **16 November 2024** |

# Meeting convened at 2.00 pm

1. **Introduction**

The Chairman opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending.

# Apologies

The Secretary said that 13 apologies had been received. (Bill Mountain, Beryl Naylor, David Roll, Sylvie Tye, Carol Spendlove, David O’Hare, Jenny Shaerf, Shirley Ellerbeck, Alison Gompertz, Charles Shepperd. Janet Lambert, David Roll & Sarah Edgington

1. **Minutes for Approval**

The 18 November, 2023 Minutes of the first meeting of the FoF Association were accepted and approved.

**4) Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman read his report to the meeting (see attached)

**5) Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer read her report to the meeting (see attached)

**6) Appointment of Officers**

The Secretary invited the meeting to accept the appointment of officers and committee as all were prepared to stand for a further year. This was accepted and approved by the meeting.

Chairman: John Johnson, Treasurer: Sue Samuel, Secretary: John manning, Committee Members: Ann Kemp, Trevor Cordrey, Sue Fordyce, Shirley Ellerbeck.

**7) Acceptance of Treasurers Report**

The meeting agreed to accept the Treasurers Report

**8) Report on Garden Summer Event**

See Chairmans Report

**9) Any Other Business**

Secretary raised the issue of volunteers and car insurance, and the inconsistency among insurance companies about whether of not the policy holder needs to inform the insurance company that they are carrying out volunteer work with their car.

He asked drivers that, in the case of any uncertainty or doubt, they contact their insurers to confirm they are covered for volunteer work.

The initial step would be to look at the ABI website (Association of British Insurers) which lists the insurance companies registered with them, and brief details.

On the ABI website, search for ‘Volunteer Drivers’. This will take you to the volunteer drivers page. On the right is a PDF document ‘Volunteer driving – the motor insurance commitment’.

Or, paste this into your browser:

<https://www.abi.org.uk/globalassets/files/publications/public/motor/2021/abi-guide-to-volunteer-driving---the-motor-insurance-commitment-2021.pdf>

(Thanks to Jonathan Burn for this lead.)

**Website:** The secretary told the meeting that it was felt that the FoF website is a bit dreary and needs someone prepared to maintain and edit the site. If any members have that skill and are prepared to give some time to this, please contact the secretary.

**‘WhatsApp’** Jonathan & Lucy Burn have kindly offered to advise on setup of a WhatsApp group to enable drivers to communicate directly with one another in case of emergencies such as break down.

**Driving at night** The Secretary will contact all telephonists to remind them of the difficulties some drivers have driving at night when bookings are made for late-in-the-day appointments. All drivers will be asked to indicate whether or not they are willing to drive after sunset, and this will be recorded in the telephonists register.

**Secretary vacancy** The Secretary also announced that he would be stepping down over the course of the next year so the committee is looking for a replacement. Any member interested in taking on the roll is asked to contact the committee.

**10)** The Chairman asked Roger Lovell to accept a presentation of a potted plant in recognition of his services over many years as a driver for Friends of Ferring, and also as a past Chairman.

The Chairman also thanked Lindsay Taylor, Paul and Judy, once again, for the wonderful spread of food she so generously supplies.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm

# Minutes signed and approved Date