Sussex Sunday Walkers

another name for

the *Society of Sussex Wealdmen*

Founded 1926 Affiliated to HF Holidays

**MINUTES** of the 99th Annual General Meeting, held at Peveril of the Peak, Derbyshire.

Friday 2nd May 2025 at 18.00 hours.

1. **Presidents Notice of Resignation.**

Roy Marchant was unable to attend the meeting. However, although it had been previously circulated to members, he had asked that Gaynor Waterman read out his notice of resignation to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Christabel Avery.

Elizabeth Bell.

Louise Donald.

Jane Waugh.

1. **Proxy Voters**

Jane Waugh.

Louise Donald.

Elizabeth Bell.

All gave their proxy votes to the minute’s secretary.

**4. Minutes of the 98th Annual General Meeting**

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Nicola Avis, seconded by Hilary Ryman and carried.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**6. Officers Reports for 2024-2025**

Chairman’s Report - No matters raised.

Events Secretary’s Report – No matters raised.

Treasurer’s Report and Accounts – No matters raised.

East Sussex Footpath Secretary’s Report – No matters raised.

West Sussex Footpath Secretary’s Report – No matters raised.

**7.** **Adoption of Officers Reports**

Proposed by Hilary Ryman, seconded by Nicola Avis and carried.

**8. Revision of Rule 1**

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, General, Events, Walks Programme and Communications Secretaries, Treasurer and Footpath Secretary/Secretaries. All such Officers shall be elected annually at the AGM and shall be eligible for re-election at subsequent AGM**s**. In addition, the Society may elect, at its AGM, a President and any number of Vice Presidents. Those roles shall be honorific only, shall not be subject to re-election and shall continue for life, unless terminated earlier by the recipient by written notice.

Proposed by David Green, seconded by David Finney and carried.

**9. Election of new President.**

Patrick Haworth was proposed for President by Gaynor Waterman, seconded by David Daniels. Carried unanimously.

**10. Elections of all Officers for 2025-2026 en bloc**

Carol Fryer will be re-standing as General Secretary. However, David Finney will not be re-standing as footpath secretary. After holding a position on the committee for over 13 years, 10 years as Footpath Secretary East and as Chairman from 2016-2019.

David was thanked for his significant contribution to the group.

Proposed Nicola Avis, seconded by Christina Gerrard and carried.

**11. Proposal that Roy Marchant be made an Honorary Member.**

David Finney proposed as follows:

Roy Marchant has been a keen and loyal Wealdman for very many years, for the last five as our President, and his knowledge of Sussex footpaths is impressive. Regrettably, health issues have now caused Roy to resign as president, and may have brought a premature end to his beloved walking.

Our rules provide that honorary membership may be granted by the AGM to members considered and recommended by the Committee to have made an outstanding contribution to the aims of the Society, and it is my priviledge to propose Roy as an honorary member of the Sunday Sussex

Walkers.

Seconded by Gaynor Waterman and carried unanimously.

**12. Walking Stick Competition – Results and Presentation.**

Presented by The President, Patrick Haworth.

The ladies stick went to Hilary Ryman, runner up Carol Fryer.

The men’s stick went to David Green, runner up Martin Greenwood.

**No other matters were raised.**

**The Meeting Closed at 18.15 hours.**

**Including the committee, 18 members attended the meeting.**

**Carol Fryer,**

**Minute Secretary.**