**MINUTES OF THE 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**

**SHROPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (SOS) HELD ON 5th APRIL 2023**

**1 APOLOGIES:** None received.

**2 MINUTES OF LAST AGM:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th April 2022 had been circulated to all, and were subsequently accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Tony Beckett Seconded: Ian Carrington Approved by show of hands

**3 MATTERS ARISING:** Jane Muscroft asked whether the work on the disabled car parking area had been carried out. Graham Walker responded that the work was now complete.

**4 FINANCES:** Brian Andrews presented the Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 2022: SOS is managing the finances for the “Save Our Curlews Campaign” appeal. The balance at 31st December 2022 was £7,647. (Financial Statement attached to these minutes). There were no questions raised. The accounts were adopted:

Proposed: Tony Beckett Seconded: Allan Dawes Approved by show of hands

**5** **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** John Arnfield presented the Chairman’s Report for April 2022 to April 2023 (Chairman’s Report attached to these minutes).

**6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

* **Chair**: John Arnfield is retiring as Chair. Proposal to elect Graham Walker to the position of Chair.

Proposed: David May Seconded: Jane Muscroft Approved by show of hands

Graham Walker took the Chair for the rest of the meeting at this point.

* **Secretary:** Mim Elliot-Smith to be re-elected as Hon Secretary:

Proposed: Claire Mulvey Seconded: John Arnfield Approved by show of hands

* **Treasurer:** Jean Rickard to be re-elected as Treasurer:

Proposed: Christine Hart Seconded: Jock Elliot-Smith Approved by show of hands

* **Management Committee:** Jim Almond, Tim Devanney, Sue Brealey and Helen J Griffiths to be re-elected, and John Arnfield and Claire Mulvey to be elected to the Management Committee:

Proposed: Jane Muscroft Seconded: David May Approved by show of hands

Annie Andrews is retiring from the Management Committee:

* **Conservation Sub-Committee**: Graham Walker to be re-elected as Chair:

Proposed: John Arnfield Seconded: David May Approved by show of hands

* **Publicity and Development Sub-Committee:** Sue Brealey is retiring as Chair. The post remains vacant currently. Anyone interested in the role was asked to make contact with a member of the Management Committee.

**7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** James Baillie was proposed for retention as Independent Examiner

Proposed: John Arnfield Seconded: David May Approved by show of hands

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Graham Walker thanked John Arnfield for his work as Chair over the last six years. He also highlighted that the Society has difficulty finding people to fill roles on the Management Committee, and would like to get new people involved.

It was also pointed out that there were books for sale during the meeting, money from any sales to go to the Save Our Curlews Campaign appeal.

**The meeting closed at 7.40 pm**