

**FHRS AGM**  
**29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Welcome**

Chris Hampshire welcomed everyone present to the first AGM of FHRS

**In Attendance**

Chris Hampshire, Barry Vowles, Gill Knock, John Morgan, Dorothy Kirk, Sue Unsworth, Ged Weeden, Debbie Weeden, Carol Collins, Ben and Jenny Jackson, Hilary Booth, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Sue Powell, Jon Penn, Peter Henry.

**Apologies**

Joan Butcher, Paul Janvier, Ritchie and Sandra Thistlewaite, Martin Jackson-Eves, Myles Hogg

**Report**

Chris Hampshire outlined the major events of a successful first year, the Willaston Festival, Signal Box opening, Santas Grotto, and the ongoing work through the Tidy Up Days of clearing borders, and repainting bins etc. Chris Hampshire thanked all the FHRS members for their input of time and donations and non-members, including CWaC for providing assistance with refurbishing the signal box, signs, brackets, seats etc. Chris Hampshire thanked all the Rangers who have given support to FHRS.

**Accounts**

Hilary Booth presented the detailed Accounts up to January 2016. The main sources of funds were grants, donations and surpluses from events. The main expenditure was on various items purchased for events and administration. There is a healthy surplus carried forward to 2016, although some of the monies is grant monies ring-fenced for specific items when addition funds obtained to meet the full cost.

It was proposed by Hilary Booth that the accounting year for the future accounts ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March. This was seconded by John Morgan and was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

**Election of joint-publicity Officers**

Ged Weeden was nominated by Carol Collins and seconded by Jon Penn, Sue Unsworth was nominated by Hilary Booth and seconded by Dorothy Kirk. Ged Weeden and Sue Unsworth were duly elected unanimously.

**Election of Secretary**

John Fisher has resigned due to personal commitments. Chris thanked John for all his work as Secretary over the last year. Sue Powell was nominated by Barry Vowles and was seconded by Gill Knock. Sue Powell was duly elected unanimously.

**CWaC Update on the future of Hadlow Road Station**

Chris Hampshire reported that CWaC had decided not to sell but rent out the Station Masters House and Yard. CWaC have agreed to alter the Gentlemen's Restroom for use as a kitchen to support the provision of light refreshments by FHRS. CWaC will pay for infrastructure changes to make it usable as a kitchen. FHRS will have to pay for white goods and consumables. Operational issues have to be addressed by FHRS. Rangers will manage the Signal Box, Ticket Office and Waiting Room. There were still a few issues of detail to be ironed out with CWaC including a contract being agreed and signed. Regular provision of refreshments will mean FHRS will have to apply for a change of use.

**Grant funding secured**

FHRS had secured a £1000 grant from Western link which will provide start-up funding for the kitchen area. Further bids for funding will assist in the improvement and development of the platforms, signal box and track.

**2016 focus**

Events this year will include the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the station, and Santa's Grotto, the development of a regular refreshment provision, and developing costings for funding bids.

**AOB**

A model railway group is developing a 4 foot model of Hadlow Rail Station for display at the Station  
It was suggested that Mersey Morris Dancers be considered for performances at events.