

**Overton Biodiversity Society**  
**AGM Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Minutes**

Present: Ken MacKenzie, Jane MacKenzie, Alan Stevens, Valda Stevens, Deb Heath, Margaret Rainford, Adam Trickett, Jane Beckmann, David Cluett, Nick Parnell-Smith.

**1. Chairman's Report.**

**Past Events.** During the past year we've had a range of events including helping with ORC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, a successful and entertaining Garden Safari and taking part in the 2016 Overton Sheep Fair celebrations.

We also had two very interesting evening talks, one on Kenyan wildlife and development issues and the second about the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as well as a wildlife film evening in January.

We have been active in several work parties helping to maintain and carry out surveys at the Micheldever Soil Heaps SSSI and looking after Little Meadow. We have also helped the Overton SELF group with events at the Community Orchard. Also, during the year we carried out surveys on hedgerows, water voles and glow worms. All of these formed part of the targets for 2016 under the Overton Biodiversity Action Plan.

**Future events.** Our programme for 2017/18 is still work in progress but our next event is a Dawn Chorus walk with Peter Hutchins on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.00 pm and we've also booked Richard Genn to come back to talk to us again about wildlife in Africa. Further events will be notified as soon as they are arranged but any suggestions for visits or speakers would be very welcome as would any volunteers who would like to help us with work at Little Meadow or Micheldever Spoil Heaps.

**Thanks.**

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved with OBS over the last year and in particular Geoff Teagle for auditing our accounts.

I'd like to thank the OBS committee for all their hard work and I'd particularly like to thank Alan Stevens for acting as our Treasurer over the last few years and Jane Beckmann for volunteering to take over from him.

I'd like to thank Vero Kerguelen for helping with our website.

I'd also like to thank Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for supporting us through refunding our insurance costs.

Ken MacKenzie.

Chair, Overton Biodiversity Society. 31/03/2016.

## 2. Treasurer's report for 2016.

### OVERTON BIODIVERSITY SOCIETY

#### Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending December 2016

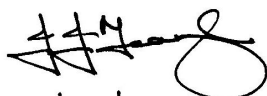
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	£	£
Membership of 50 in 2016	100.00	104.00
Entry/Donations	211.00	113.00
BDBC and OPC Grants (1)	109.23	233.00
Interest	0.21	0.24
From BDBC – funds for Orchard (2)	394.74	
From BDBC for LM Boards		620.00
	<b>815.18</b>	<b>1070.24</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Events	140.50	35.00
Room Hire	131.00	136.00
Insurance (3)	109.23	271.01
Equipment & Consumables	0.00	10.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00
To Orchard – funds from BDBC	394.74	
Speakers	60.00	90.00
PC loan repay for LM boards		620.00
Training	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>835.47</b>	<b>1162.01</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	-20.29	-91.77
Add Balance Brought Forward	542.27	634.04
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/16</b>	<u>521.98</u>	<u>542.27</u>

#### Notes:

1. BDBC grant to OBS for 2016 for Insurance
2. OBS temporarily held funds on behalf of Overton's Orchard project
3. 2015 cost included BTCV membership for 2015 and 2016; Current Zurich insurance is less expensive than previous BTCV insurance

*I confirm that I have inspected the accounting records for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and, to the best of my belief, they represent a true and fair account of all of Overton Biodiversity Society's financial transactions.*

Signed:



Date:

11/01/2017

### **3. Elections for Committee.**

The following committee members were willing to continue for another year – Alan Stevens, Valda Stevens, Ken MacKenzie, Jane MacKenzie, Adam Trickett, Margaret Rainford, Peter Hutchins, Janet Wigney, Jane Beckmann, David Cluett, Deb Heath, Nick Parnell-Smith, Tamsin Williams. They were proposed by Nigel Whitehead and seconded by Jane Flanders and duly elected. Ken MacKenzie was elected to continue as Chair (proposed by Alan Stevens seconded by Jane Beckmann), Jane MacKenzie was elected to continue as Secretary (proposed by Adrian Lewis, seconded by Sue Teagle and Jane Beckmann was elected as Treasurer (proposed by Jane MacKenzie, seconded by Sue Teagle).