



WARWICKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED AGM 2022

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on Tuesday 5th July 2022, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 31 Members, including 12 Trustees. Dr Helen Brittain in the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Trustees: Ms Crishni Waring
Ms Kay Reeve

Members: Mick Swinfen
Nigel Larkin
Jane Dodge
Margaret Peach

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2021.

Proposer: Mr Martin Randall
Secunder: Mr Chris Reading

These minutes were taken as read and were approved unanimously.

3. To receive:

Report of Council, Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Certificate for 2021.

These had been available to members via the Trust's website and on request via email. Mr John McKenzie, Treasurer for the Trust, summarised the accounts as follows:

- The Trust had a very good year in 2021, with record income, above £10m for the first time ever – thanks to all members for their support and to all staff for their hard work.
- Part of this income came from legacies totalling nearly £840k; we also continue to get great support from our trading subsidiary, Middlemarch, which Gift Aided £544k to the Trust.

Chair

Crishni Waring

Vice Chair

Martin Randall

Chief Executive

Ed Green



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◦ The Trust currently has almost £2m in cash that we are looking to use to purchase land that can be restored to wildlife. We have been making attempts to buy but also being careful not to over-pay.

There was one question from a member, Ann Wilson, who asked why the Annual Report referred to the group objecting to intervention in Piles Coppice as a “small pressure group” when over 2,000 people are involved. Ed Green responded by acknowledging Ms Wilson’s membership of the group that is objecting to the Trust’s plans for active management of Piles Coppice and referenced 2-3 years of communication between the Trust and this group of around half-a-dozen people. The 2,000 people were respondents to a petition on the website change.org that gave a particular representation of the Trust’s plans, which the Trust feels was a misrepresentation. The “small pressure group” refers to Ms Wilson and the approximately half-dozen people that the Trust was meeting with over regular intervals until about a year ago, and indeed a meeting is to be held with the group and the Forestry Commission in about a week’s time. For these reasons, the Trust feels it is entirely appropriate to refer to the people commenting most actively on plans for Piles Coppice as a “small pressure group”.

The Annual Report, Statement of Accounts and Auditor’s Certificate for 2021 were presented to the AGM for approval:

Proposer: Mr John McKenzie

Secunder: Mr Geoff Litterick

They were approved unanimously.

4. To elect Auditors for 2023.

Mr McKenzie recommended that Harrison, Beale and Owen were appointed as Auditors for the period up until the next AGM.

Proposer: Mr John McKenzie

Secunder: Mr Andrew Gabbitas

This was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.15pm.