



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Minutes of AGM held 30th March 2026

1. Following the Chair's introduction and welcome, apologies for absence had been received from Sarah Sackman MP, Cllr Rohit Grover, Will Hawkins CEO HGS Trust, Revd Emily Kolltveit, Steve Morris, Asher Budwig and Jonathan Waxman;
2. Cllr Grover is not standing for re-election. He has served the Garden Suburb ward for 11 years The Chair proposed a vote of thanks for his service. **Approved.**
3. *Minutes of 2025 AGM: Approved.*
4. *Accounts and Financial Review.* The new Hon Treasurer Stewart Roiter had taken over from Steve Morris in November 2025. The RA had held several successful events: the Children's Carnival in February, the Summer Fair in June, the Halloween Children's Event and the New Year's Eve Fireworks. Suburb News and eNews continued to be popular and generated substantial revenue for the RA. In 2025, RA gave grants totalling over £20000, including £9000 to four local schools, £4000 to BBLG/Kid's Garden, £4000 to Proms at St Judes, £2500 to the Royal Free Charity and £750 to the North Lonon Festival. The year ended with a surplus of £6395 after the grants were made. **The accounts and financial review were approved.**
5. *Appointment of Paul Hartley to continue as Hon Accountant.* Appreciation was expressed to Paul for his work over many years. **Approved.**
6. *Minimum annual subscription* – no change to £15 was proposed. **Approved.**
7. *Election:* three Officers and two Council Members. **All elected.**
8. *Guest speaker* Andrew Botterill gave an informative and entertaining talk about Fellowship.
9. *Any other business* (questions from the floor):
 - Can the previous mins be circulated in advance? They are on the website a few weeks after the AGM.
 - Grant for path around Lyttleton Playing Field: this was an ongoing discussion between the RA and Friends of Lyttelton.
 - Is the RA aware how the Trust operates? RA has representatives on thee of the four Trust committees. Any concerns can be raised with the RA.
 - Any update on Northway Gardens padel court proposal? Cllr Mike Mire explained that the application withdrawn after it was recommended by LBB officers for refusal.
 - Update on the pergola on the Meadway Gate roundabout: Cllr Mire reported it would be replaced by stainless steel construction. The wisteria will be trimmed.