

WHEATLEY WINDMILL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Coffee Room of the Merry Bells, Wheatley, on Wednesday 11 April 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present: Ash Lenton (Chairman), Janet Redfern (Secretary), Caroline Dalton (Treasurer), Donald Gray, Sally Humphrey, Mavis Ramsden; Dorothy Avery, Sue Costar, Gillian Gray, Bernard Hickey, Terry Hood, Catherine Hughes, David Hughes, John Kirchhoff, Arthur Maddocks, and one visitor

Apologies were received from Wendy Benson, Bob Breeze Janet Carr, James Dalton, Ros Macleod-Tims, Neil Ramsden, Tim Rowse, Gillian Sleight, Billy Stanier

1. **Minutes of last AGM held on 6 April 2011** were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2. **Matters arising from minutes** There were none.

3. **Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported as follows:

We try to carry out all maintenance and repairs in the traditional way without adding modern materials unless it is absolutely necessary for safety or functional reasons.

(1) We have put pegs in all the teeth in the ground floor spur wheel to stop the teeth from flying out.

(2) The spur wheel collapsed under its own weight because it is not used every day. We had to jack up the wheel to get it back into place. We have added steel brackets to prevent it collapsing again. This was carried out by the millwrights David Empringham Woodworking.

(3) The spur wheel, after 100 years, was no longer perfectly round and did not mesh with the stone nut. The millwrights have put clamps and straps on it to pull it back to round.

(4) The grindstones were not meeting when lowered and so not grinding corn. The millwrights have extended the spindle on the governor to allow the stones to come closer together. We have not tested this yet.

(5) We have painted all of one sail and most of one other. We hope to complete all 4 this year and then paint one a year in rotation after that.

(6) We have painted the windows inside and out where we could reach.

(7) The lathe is having some new pulleys fitted.

(8) Next we need to repair or replace the 8 veins on the fan wheel. Also the boulder is in need of repair.

The Chairman presented a slide show illustrating work done over the past year.

It had been a very busy year with six Open Days and one day a month spent on maintenance. A lot had been learnt on how to run the mill and maintain it. We hope to be able to grind flour when the mill is running smoothly.

4. **Treasurer's report**

The accounts for the year ended 31 January 2012 were circulated. The Treasurer reported that she had shown them to a contact who works in accounts, and that the Parish Clerk had volunteered to check them. Arthur Maddocks proposed, John Kirchhoff seconded, and all agreed that the accounts be accepted.

5. Election of officers and committee members

The Chairman reported that Myles Hartley had resigned from the committee because he had gone to work in New Zealand, and Kevin Heritage had temporarily stood down from the committee because of other commitments but would continue to work on history and publicity leaflets and the proposed DVD. Tim Rowse, who trains volunteers to climb the sails, was willing to join the committee. Gillian Gray proposed, Sue Costar seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the following be elected to serve on the committee for the coming year:

Chairman	Ash Lenton
Treasurer	Caroline Dalton
Secretary	Janet Redfern
Members	Donald Gray, Sally Humphrey, Mavis Ramsden, Tim Rowse

6. External Inspector of Accounts

It was agreed to ask Gareth Morris, the Parish Clerk, to inspect the accounts (see minute 4).

At the end of the meeting Catherine Hughes thanked the committee for the work they were doing, and said that when working on her allotment in Windmill Lane she often heard enthusiastic chatter from people returning from visiting the mill on Open Days.

After the meeting refreshments were served.